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## Area offices closed for Good Friday

Marion City Hall, courthouse offices and the senior citizens center will be closed this week in observance of Good Friday. Additionally, the sheriff's department and circuit clerk's office will be closed Saturday. State government offices will be closed a half-day on Friday.

The Crittenden Press will also be closed Friday in observance of the Christian holiday.

Meantime, the public library and Extension Service will not close for the holiday. Federal offices, like the post office, will also be open Friday.

## State law prohibits all signs on poles

As the weather breaks and yard sales become popular events, local authorities remind residents that state law (KRS 512.080) and city ordinances prohibit the placement of any type of sign on roadside utility poles.

Police say it's a safety issue, and they are required to enforce the regulations through removal of the signs and/or fines.

## Flooding across county dissipated

Flooding across the county has now dissipated, allowing the Cave In Rock Ferry and all state highways to re-open last week. The ferry opened Saturday after having been closed for 15 days due to flooding along the Ohio River. All county roads once under water are also now open.

All flood warnings and watches for the county were removed Monday by the National Weather Service, as the Ohio River dropped below flood stage, 33 feet, at Shawneetown, Ill. By mid-day today (Thursday), the river was expected to be at around 27 feet.

## Contractors must obtain city license

The City of Marion requires all seasonal contractors (landscaping, paving, construction, etc.) to obtain a business license for doing work inside the city limits. The license is \$25. You may apply for the license at Marion City Hall at 217 S. Main St. on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For more information, call (270) 965-2266.

## Public meetings

- Crittenden County Chamber of Commerce meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday at Marion Tourism Center.

- Crittenden County Republican Party meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Crittenden County Courthouse. Final plans for the Pennyrite/Crittenden County Dinner scheduled for April 14 will be made.



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# Local officials appeal to D.C. for U.S. 641 movement

By DARYL K. TABOR  
PRESS EDITOR

Both the county's and city's top elected officials have taken their concerns about the slow progress of a relocated U.S. 641 all the way to Capitol Hill.

During a visit to Washington, D.C., last week, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and Marion Mayor Mickey Alexander appealed to Congressman Ed Whitfield (R-Hopkinsville) for help in moving the major road

project forward.

"We weighed in to see what he could do from his end," said Newcom.

Though construction and development of the realigned U.S. 641 planned from Marion to near Lyon County is a state project, both Newcom and Alexander are hoping its federal designation might allow for intervention from Washington, perhaps even moving construction ahead as a federal project.

"We felt like since it's not

going anywhere, some congressional oversight might move it forward," Alexander said. "I don't see any problem with having them poke around to move it ahead."

As of today (Thursday), it has been 1,140 days since a ceremonial ground-breaking for the road project on Feb. 17, 2012. Grade and drain work on the 5.2-mile segment from Marion to

Fredonia is almost complete, but Newcom said he does not expect to see paving along the first phase until 2016.

Currently, there remain outstanding property acquisitions for tie-ins to the current U.S. 641, and the design of the remainder of the route toward Eddyville is under development.

Newcom and Alexander were in the nation's capital

last week as part of a contingent of officials from across the Pennyrite Region of western Kentucky. The group met with Rep. Whitfield, as well as Sens. Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul, on a variety of issues related to the counties that make up the nine-county Pennyrite Area Development District. While there, the mayor and judge-executive wanted to take the opportunity to highlight U.S. 641 as

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# Manslaughter verdict issued



PHOTO BY DARYL K. TABOR, THE PRESS

Defendant Britt Deckert, 28, of Marion answers questions from public defender Anthony Jones while on the stand Monday in the final day of his three-day murder trial in Crittenden Circuit Court. Deckert was found guilty of manslaughter by a jury for killing his half-brother, Almonzo "A.J." Vasseur on Aug. 1, 2013.

## Jury recommends max sentence for Deckert in three-day trial

By CHRIS EVANS  
PRESS PUBLISHER

A Crittenden Circuit Court jury apparently found some degree of credibility to the testimony of accused killer Britt Deckert during a three-day murder trial that ended Monday at Crittenden County Courthouse.

Deckert, 28, avoided a murder conviction sought by the state and instead was found guilty of first-degree manslaughter for stabbing and slashing his half-brother Almonzo "A.J." Vasseur, 29, to death on Aug. 1, 2013, at a home they shared with

other family members on West Depot Street in Marion.

Vasseur, a former city maintenance worker and part-time graphic artist, bled to death as a result of multiple wounds that prosecutor Zac Greenwell said came from a kitchen knife and a claw-like device with 10-inch blades that some described as a "Wolverine" claw, a context based upon a comic book and movie superhero by that name.

The jury deliberated less than two

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**2015 Championship Game**  
8 p.m. Monday / CBS

# Auditor: Ky.'s rural hospitals fiscally ill

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Crittenden Health Systems joins a majority of Kentucky's rural hospitals in ranking below the national average in a study of their financial strength as of 2013, according to a state review of those facilities. At the same time, Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services was ranked among hospitals with the poorest bill of health.

At a time of rapid and fundamental change in health care, the survival of the state's most vulnerable group of hospitals raises concerns about how nearly half of Kentuckians will maintain access to health care, State Auditor Adam Edelen wrote in summarizing the analysis.

"There are very few hospitals out there doing well," said CHS CEO Greg McNeil, who by Tuesday morning had read the entire 132-page report released Monday.

In fact, on Tuesday, the 70-bed Parkway Regional

Hospital in Fulton was the latest hospital in Kentucky to close its doors, leaving thousands of area residents searching for a new health care facility. The hospital employed 170 people.

The report includes findings from an assessment of 44 of the state's 66 county and community hospitals and offers recommendations to ensure the network of care doesn't continue to erode.

"The importance of rural hospitals cannot be overstated," Edelen said, noting that the institutions serve 45 percent of Kentuckians and a disproportionate share of low-income and elderly citizens.

In the study, CHS was given a rating of "fair" financial health. The acute care, 48-bed hospital ranked 24th among the assessed hospitals.

"We landed right in the middle, which is a lot better

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# Community can help ensure child abuse 100 percent preventable

By JUDGE BRANDI ROGERS  
GUEST COMMENTARY

There is a saying amongst those of us who work every day to prevent child abuse: Child abuse is 100 percent preventable.

We fight many things in this world: cancer, heart disease, obesity, addiction, etc. I have never heard that any one of those things is 100 percent preventable. When it comes to child abuse though, it holds true.

Child abuse is not something we just have to tolerate. It is not something we have to expect. Prevention can succeed and make a real difference. A child does not have to be a victim of abuse.

Every day I go to work with a focused intent to protect children. I, and the agencies that work in my court, do the very best we can with the information we have. But we cannot prevent child abuse alone. Some-

times, we do not see a case until abuse has already occurred. Sometimes, abuse goes unreported, ignored or disregarded.



Rogers

Let me say this, It does not have to be that way.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year, the theme is "Commit to Prevent."

I have made it one of my goals to grow awareness in our community as to how we can prevent child abuse, provide tools to empower folks to help others and provide resources for those who need help. We are starting this initiative by recognizing April annually in conjunction with our community groups. Your participation in events and programs will make a big impact.

In the month of April, there will be several events in Crittenden, Union and Webster counties:

- You will see pinwheels, which

symbolize child abuse prevention awareness.

- April 24 is Wear Blue Day.  
- Also on April 24, UCWEECAN - Union County: We Educate to End Abuse and Neglect - will host a glow run in Morganfield.

- Our judge-executives will be issuing proclamations.  
- Information will go out to schools and our churches.  
- April 26 is Blue Sunday.  
- We will be scheduling domestic violence training programs.

- At each courthouse during the week of April 20, the employees will be wearing and sharing stickers in support of prevention.

This is your call to action. Participate. Plant a pinwheel garden with your children. Wear blue. Talk about child abuse. Talk about ways to prevent it.

My hope and prayer is that as our efforts grow, children will see that we live in a community where children can feel safe and there are people

## Raising awareness

Local efforts taking place this month are aimed at raising community's awareness of child abuse. See Page 4.

who care; that families will see they have support; that the community is here to help with resources; that other communities will see we are dedicated to preventing child abuse 100 percent of the time.

If you want more information about how you can help or bring efforts to prevent child abuse to your church, business or organization, please feel free to reach out to my office at PO Box 417, Marion, KY 42064 or by calling (270) 639-5094.


(Editor's note: Fifth Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers presides over cases in Crittenden, Union and Webster counties. She was elected to her first eight-year term in November 2014.)



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Crittenden Fiscal Court convenes in regular session at the courthouse at 8:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Is the courthouse open on Saturday?** Yes. Most offices are open a half-day Saturday except during holiday weekends. The PVA and judge-executive's office, however, are closed on Saturday.

**When is the solid waste convenience center (trash repository) on U.S. 60 East open?** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is closed on Wednesday and Sunday.

**Do I have to have a dog license?** Yes. Licenses are available for \$5 through county Animal Control Officer Denise Peek (969-1054) at the animal shelter on U.S. 60 East.


# Key legislation signed into law by governor

The 2015 regular session of the General Assembly came to an end a little before 4 a.m. last Wednesday, the 29th day of the session. The adjournment was scheduled for March 24, but due to the days missed because of this winter's weather, there were two additional days available, and one was taken starting at 12:01 a.m. last Wednesday.

As is usual on the last day or two of a regular session, many bills were passed, signed by the speaker of the house and president of the senate and sent to the governor for his signature. In fact, there were more than 50 bills sent to the governor last Wednesday and in the last few hours of the day before.

As of Sunday when this update was written, there had been 63 bills and two joint resolutions signed into law while 56 bills and two joint resolutions are waiting for the governor's signature or veto. So far, no bills have been vetoed by the governor.

Senate Bill 192 started life as a bill to allow an organization to seek to be awarded a health care contract with the Kentucky Department of Corrections if that organization currently has a contract with a unit of government to provide health care services. On



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March 24, however, all language in the original bill was removed and replaced with language that addresses the scourge of heroin that plagues many parts of the commonwealth.

Among other things, SB 192, as passed, gives local units of government the option to offer a needle exchange program; defense from prosecution (called the "Good Samaritan" rule) for someone who reports a heroin overdose; allows emergency service technicians and certain other personnel to obtain the life-saving drug naloxone to administer to someone with an apparent heroin overdose; and a 10-year prison sentence for importing heroin into Kentucky. SB-192 was a reasonable compromise between those who wanted stricter penalties and those who wanted more treatment options.

I voted yes, the bill passed both houses and has been signed into law by the governor.

House Bill 299 started life as a bill relating to property valuation administration, transportation companies and bank deposit rules. Last Wednesday, however, all language in the original bill was removed and replaced with language that addresses motor fuel taxes.

As I've reported in the past, the way motor fuels are taxed (substantially based on the wholesale price of fuel) and how the money raised through the taxes is spent is a convoluted mess. Without any change to existing law, motor fuel taxes would have decreased from the 27.6 cents per gallon in January, February and March to 22.5 cents per gallon on Wednesday. However, the state transportation department, transportation contractors and fiscal courts have complained vehemently that the sales tax drop would cause irreparable harm to road repair and construction.

HB 299 tackled the tax issue by raising the floor from 22.5 cents per gallon to 26 cents per gallon effective Wednesday. It is interesting to note that gas prices six years ago were about the same as now, and yet roads were repaired and built. Transportation officials seem to complain loudly when tax revenue de-

creases, but don't say much when taxes go up. The process used to determine motor fuel taxes was set up to allow taxes to increase when the price of fuel increased and to allow taxes to decrease when the price of fuel decreased, but many members of the General Assembly thought taxes had dropped too much.

Many Kentuckians are still trying to make ends meet in this lagging economy of ours, and lower taxes at the pump help us keep more of our money. When gas was \$4 per gallon, folks across the state were forced to make tough decisions.

Shouldn't government be held to the same standard? Furthermore, it is my belief that the General Assembly made a pact with the citizens of Kentucky to let motor fuel taxes drop to 22.5 cents per gallon if fuel prices dropped, and I don't believe that pact should be broken. I supported returning 2.1 cents per gallon from the state transportation department to local government and also giving local government more control over how some of the tax money is collected at the pump, but neither of those options came to a vote. Therefore, I voted no on HB 299 as written, but the bill passed both houses, and

has been signed into law by the governor.

Another bill that passed early in the morning last Wednesday was HB 8. That bill allows Kentuckians who are victims of sexual assault or stalking to receive "interpersonal" civil protections via the courts beginning Jan. 1, 2016. Currently, civil protections are only available to abuse victims who are married to, living with or have a child with their abuser or stalker.

I voted yes, the bill passed both houses and was sitting on the governor's desk awaiting his signature or veto as this was written.

HB 427 passed both chambers late in the evening of March 24. This bill, "Alicia's Law" – named after child rape and Internet sex trafficking victim Alicia Kozakiewicz – imposes a \$10 fee on criminal cases heard in district court to help fund the Kentucky State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The bill also prevents those who engage in prostitution with a child from using a defense that the defendant was unaware of a minor's age.

I voted yes and the bill was sitting on the governor's desk awaiting his signature or veto as this was written.

Many other bills were passed and are, or soon will be, law. Many bills, though, did not make it through both chambers. Differing viewpoints make policymaking a challenge, but that is how our forefathers designed the process to work. It may not be a perfect system, but it is one that has served us well for more than 200 years.

As always, thank you for reading my updates and contacting me with concerns and thoughtful suggestions. It is a privilege to represent you in the Kentucky House of Representatives and your input helps me make decisions that best represent the views of the 4th District.

I may be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at (800) 372-7181; directly at (502) 564-8100, extension 665; by visiting the Kentucky Legislature's website at [www.lrc.ky.gov](http://www.lrc.ky.gov) and clicking on the "Email Your Legislator" link; or by mail to: Capitol Annex, Room 424C, Frankfort, KY 40601.

*(Rep. Lynn Bechler, a Marion Republican, has served in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 2013, representing House District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell and a portion of Christian County.)*

# Lawmakers pass heroin, booster seat, domestic violence bills

State senators worked early into last Wednesday morning, the final day of the 2015 legislative session, to ensure the passage of the hallmark piece of legislation of the session – an omnibus bill designed to fight the devastating heroin epidemic. Bipartisan agreement was reached on two other key issues – stabilizing the road fund and expanding domestic violence protections – that allowed previously-stalled bills to receive final passage. And that's all in addition to dozens of other bills that reached the governor's desk last week.

The anti-heroin legislation, or Senate Bill 192, was signed into law by the governor later that morning. The measure balances the desire to hold people accountable for their actions while recognizing that addiction is a disease.

The accountability part comes in the form of tougher penalties for heroin dealers. Selling between 2 grams and 100 grams is still punishable by 5-10 years in prison, but now, convicts would have to serve at least half of their sentences. Selling 100



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grams or more is punishable by 10-20 years in prison. Dealers convicted of this would have to serve half their sentences.

Selling less than 2 grams of heroin is still punishable by 1-5 years in prison. Dealers who are caught with at least two indicators of trafficking, however, may be required to serve at least half of their prison sentences, depending on the prosecution. Dealers who prove that they are selling to support a habit are eligible to be probated into treatment.

In addition, SB 192 creates a new crime, punishable by up to 10 years in prison, for importing heroin into Kentucky with the intent to distribute or sell it. It's targeted at out-of-state dealers setting up shop in border cities such as Covington and Newport in

northern Kentucky.

In recognizing that addiction is a disease, the bill allows heroin users to exchange dirty needles for clean ones at the state's regional health departments – but only if a local jurisdiction approves. It also contains the so-called "Good Samaritan provision," which shields heroin addicts, if they provide their name and address, from being prosecuted if they report an overdose.

SB 192 will immediately infuse Kentucky's addiction treatment system with \$10 million followed by \$24 million annually from money saved from prior judicial reforms designed to reduce prison costs by providing lawbreakers with drug treatment, among other things.

It further provides for administration of naloxone, a medication used to counter the effects of an overdose. There is also money for Vivitrol, a drug to help narcotic dependents who have stopped taking narcotics to stay drug-free.

Senators responded to falling oil prices that threatened the sustainability of the state's road fund by giving final passage to House Bill 299. This measure could potentially save the state hundreds of millions of dollars in road funds.

HB 299 sets a new minimum rate for the tax at 26 cents per gallon. That's less than the current rate of 27.6 cents, but more than a rate of 22.5 cents, which was to have taken effect Wednesday under the law that adjusts the tax rate each quarter based on the wholesale price of gas.

The state has already lost 4.9 cents per gallon in gas taxes since the end of September 2014.

Every penny reduction in the gas tax equals a loss of \$30 million in the road fund – a pot that is split two ways. About half goes into the state construction account with the remaining going to cities and counties. A loss of that much revenue would be devastating because it costs local governments an average of \$50,000 to resurface a mile of road.

Senators answered a call to provide civil protection from domestic violence, sexual abuse or stalking in the form of a protective order by giving final passage to HB

8. The bill also streamlines the process to obtain protective orders for other victims, and allows an order to be expunged from someone's record if a judge dismisses the order.

Currently, victims of dating violence in Kentucky must file criminal charges against their partner in the hope of preventing ongoing abuse. Only victims who are married to, have a child with or live with their abuser can seek civil protection from domestic violence or abuse, physical violence or stalking as specified under law.

We also passed legislation that would protect and save the lives of some of our most vulnerable Kentuckians.

HB 315 requires booster seats to be used in motor vehicles by children who are less than 8 years old and are between 40 and 57 inches in height.

SB 133 expands the use of ignition interlocks for people caught driving under the influence of alcohol. It supplements hardship licenses – special licenses allowing people with suspended licenses to drive to work, school and doctor's

appointments – with ignition interlocks. That's a device about the size of a mobile phone that is wired into the ignition system of a vehicle. A motorist must blow into the device in order to start their vehicle.

SB 82 creates state income tax refund check-offs to support pediatric cancer research and Kentucky's rape crisis centers.

We will return to the Capitol for committee meetings and other discussions throughout the year, but unless the governor calls a special session, we will not be back to vote on new bills until Jan. 5, 2016.

Until then, I hope you will stay in touch and let me know how you feel about the issues facing our commonwealth. You may leave me a message by calling the Legislative Message Line at (800) 372-7181. You can also e-mail me at [dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov](mailto:dorsey.ridley@lrc.ky.gov).

*(Sen. Dorsey Ridley, a Henderson Democrat, has served in the Kentucky Senate since 2004 representing District 4, which is comprised of Crittenden, Livingston, Caldwell, Webster, Union and Henderson counties.)*

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than we were year ago," said McNeil.

Fourteen other hospitals were also rated as being in "fair" financial condition.

LHHS had a financial health classification of "poor," joining 15 other rural hospitals in that classification. The 25-bed critical-access hospital ranked 32nd.

Only 14 of the rural hospitals analyzed in the survey were rated as being in "excellent" or "good" financial health.

Top administrators at both local hospitals were quick to point out the findings of Edelen's study do not take into account their facilities' current financial status since data from the most recently completed fiscal year, 2014, was not included.

"It's a lot better than what it was," McNeil said of CHS's current financial status.

LHHS CEO Mark Edwards said his hospital, too, is now in better shape than what this week's report shows.

"If you look at 2014 compared to 2013 or 2012, we're in much better shape," he said.

Edwards said LHHS had a positive bottom line in 2014 and that things are looking good financially for the first two months of Fiscal Year 2015, which began in January. Edwards urged that the Salem hospital is not danger of closing anytime soon and continues to offer quality health care.

"For today, we're taking good care of people, and we're going to continue on that path," he said. "It's what we do."

Like local administrators, Gov. Steve Beshear said the report does not paint an accurate picture of today. In fact, the governor criticized Edelen's analysis, describing it as

"a dated snapshot" that relied on audit data through 2013 and failed to reflect huge changes in health care since Medicaid expansion began in 2014.

"Hospitals received more than \$506 million in 2014 through new Medicaid expansion payments, while seeing significant reductions in uncompensated care costs. Those are huge changes to hospitals' bottom lines that are not shown here," the governor said in a statement.

Edelen's special report did note that the report doesn't include 2014 data because it's not yet available.

McNeil is pleased with the report, emphasizing that it accurately illustrates today's struggles of rural hospitals.

"Regardless of what (Edelen) found at our hospital or any other hospital, I think it's a very fair report," he said. "I just hope something comes of

it. I hope it doesn't just sit on a shelf and nobody look at it."

In many communities, the local hospital also is a key economic driver, providing jobs and higher-than-average wages than other local employers, Edelen wrote in his report.

To conduct its assessment, the agency staff asked 66 Kentucky hospitals identified by the Kentucky Hospital Association as rural for their audited financial statements. Twenty-two facilities chose to not participate, submitted incorrect data or were otherwise not included in the study.

Kentucky's poor bill of health is not an isolated phenomenon. Community hospitals were already struggling before the federal Affordable Care Act took effect. But many administrators say the law has reinforced and accelerated difficult trends in an already changing business climate.

For instance, the emphasis away from sick care, which

revolves around hospital stays, to a sharper focus on wellness and disease prevention, is generally seen as a positive development. But it's also meant staffing layoffs at many hospitals trying to make their payrolls more closely match revenues.

Edelen noted that in less than four years rural hospitals in Kentucky have faced a difficult transition to the new managed-care system, dealt with costly technological advances and new electronic health records requirements, Medicaid expansion, Medicare payment changes and the ACA rollout – when the communities have battled acute economic headwinds anyway.

Edelen stressed that the report is not a "rebuke" of Medicaid managed care, Kentucky's Medicaid expansion, which has grown jobs and expanded access to nearly 400,000 Kentuckians.

"This study is intended to provide policymakers with a

baseline for monitoring the financial health of our rural hospitals and recommendations to help these hospitals adapt their models for delivering health care in the 21st century," Edelen said.

Among the findings:

- Critical-access hospitals scored better overall than acute care hospitals, with 34 percent in excellent or good health, compared with 3 percent for acute care hospitals.
- An average of 72 percent of patients received Medicare or Medicaid benefits, meaning a large number of low-income and elderly patients take the hit if rural hospitals fail.
- Burdensome paperwork and other administrative tasks weigh on hospitals since Medicaid managed care was implemented. Also, "weaknesses" in the contracts between the Cabinet for Health and Family Services and five managed care organizations operating now in the state are accelerating the decline of providers.



McNeil



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hours in finding Deckert guilty of manslaughter for the killing. He was also convicted of felony first-degree wanton endangerment for disregarding the safety of Vasseur's stepdaughter, who was in the house during the fight, and misdemeanor fourth-degree assault for injuring Vasseur's wife, who tried to intercede in the altercation.

The jury recommended the maximum sentence available for the two felonies, 20 years in prison for manslaughter and 5 years for wanton endangerment to run consecutively for a total of 25 years. A sentence of 365 days for assault was also recommended by the jury. That sentence would run concurrently with the felonies.

Circuit Judge Rene Williams will formally sentence Deckert on May 14. If she accepts the jury's recommendation and sentences Deckert to 25 years in prison, he would be parole eligible after serving 17 years and 9 months.

While circuit judges have limited discretion in administering sentences, it's rare that they go against a jury's recommendation.

Judge Williams was very cautious throughout the entire trial, leaving little room for any type of testimony or legal maneuvering that might make the case ripe for appeal. Several hours of what's referred to as "in camera" or behind-the-scenes testimony was heard and motions were discussed between the judge and both parties outside the ears of the jury. However, in such cases appeals are commonplace.

Commonwealth Attorney Greenwell said he would withhold any comment on the trial until after formal sentencing in May.

Attorneys lay out defense

Public defenders Paul Sysol and Anthony Jones represented Deckert, who had no prior criminal record. They laid out a defense centered on the jury believing that the accused had been abused by Vasseur as the two were growing up in the same household, and that on the day of the crime, Deckert didn't set out to kill his sibling when he instigated the altercation by zapping Vasseur with a stun gun.

By his own admission, through testimony and from a one-hour video recorded during a police interview, Deckert lured Vasseur into his father's bedroom and while the victim was not looking, tased him. The shock knocked Vasseur to the ground, then Deckert starting beating him.

"I was hitting the (expletive) out of him," Deckert said while on the stand Monday morning.

Deckert, who during the police interview right after the incident couldn't recall details of the fight he had with his brother, told jurors that he never wanted to seriously hurt Vasseur. He said he only wanted to get the best of him one time, then he was going to move out of the house.

"I just wanted to kick his ass. That's all," Deckert told the jury of eight men and four women.

The defense also painted Deckert as the household hero—a protector of others living in the three-bedroom home against Vasseur's alleged abusive attitude.

Despite scant detailed evidence to back up his claim, Deckert said he had been bullied and abused "almost since birth" by his half-brother, who was 3 years his senior.

During testimony or in his police interview, Deckert said Vasseur had at times sat on his chest, grabbed his scrotum and called him "Brittany," a play on his first name.

"He used to beat the (expletive) out of me," Deckert told the jury.

Some of the health care workers, first responders and police who had contact with Deckert right after the incident all testified that he showed some concern about his brother's condition prior to knowing he had died at the hospital.

Constable Billy Arflack, who testified for the prosecution, told the jury that Deckert's father walked up on the scene as the suspect was being cared for by EMTs. Ron Deckert, who was the patriarch of the family and owned the house where they all lived, asked his son, "What's going on?" Arflack testified. The constable said the suspect responded, "You know what's going on. It's been building up for a decade."

While the defense wanted the jury to believe Deckert started the fight only to "send a message to A.J.," as the defendant testified, the prosecution said it was much more sinister than that. Greenwell presented evidence, including the taped video with Deckert on the day of the killing, that suggested he had planned the attack for at least several days, perhaps longer.

Greenwell's timeline insinuated that after Deckert lured Vasseur into a room where they would be alone, the defendant zapped his brother with a taser, then attacked him with a kitchen knife in such violent fashion that the knife broke in two. They struggled into another room, the prosecution alleged, where Deckert grabbed the three-bladed claw and continued the attack.

When Vasseur's wife intervened, Deckert continued his rage against her, the commonwealth said. However, Deckert

testified that he only held the woman in a headlock for a time. The commonwealth brought testimony into the trial that Vasseur hid in the bathroom for a while, bleeding profusely and only came out and confronted Deckert again because he could hear that his wife was under attack.

Then, the commonwealth's witnesses testified that Vasseur hastily ushered his wife and stepdaughter out of the back door of the house while Deckert was following behind, slashing at him with the claw so violently that one of the blades broke off.

The commonwealth relied on 19 witnesses to tell its story, perhaps the most revealing were the accounts shared by the only two eyewitnesses to the events that led to Vasseur's death. Vasseur's wife of eight years, Emmabelle Caroline Deckert — previously known as Phyllis Caroline Vasseur — and her teenage daughter testified that it was just as the commonwealth had suggested in its opening statement that Deckert was chasing them out the back door, continuing the attack on the victim.

The wife and her daughter sought refuge at a neighbor's house where the teenage girl phoned 911.

Former Kentucky Medical Examiner Dr. Greg Wanger testified that Vasseur had multiple cut and stab wounds, but the two most serious were two deep puncture wounds. One was to the back and one to the chest. The chest wound had penetrated the right ventricle of the heart and the back wound had pierced a lung. Greenwell said one of the killing blows — the one to Vasseur's back — came from the claw as the victim was trying to escape from the house.

"I have never seen a good case of self defense when someone is stabbed in the back," Greenwell said in his closing statement.

Testimony from the defendant alleged that after Vasseur had been tased, he leaped up and charged at Deckert with a familiar tormenting "tone" that set the fight into a deadly spiral.

Deckert's defense team wanted the jury to believe that Vasseur was the first to pick up a kitchen knife that was on a table in the bedroom. It showed that wounds to Deckert's hand and arm were evidence that Vasseur was the first to use deadly force. The defense also pointed out repeatedly that forensic evidence taken from the knife blade showed Vasseur's DNA on the handle.

Medical evidence speaks

Greenwell told the jury during closing arguments that the condition of both parties in the fight should be a clear indication of who was the aggressor, who was armed and who was not.

"Mr. Vasseur died of multiple sharp force injuries. He bled to death," Dr. Wanger told the jury.

There were a total of six puncture wounds and several slashing-type wounds, the medical examiner said.

Dr. Wanger went through a series of autopsy photos that showed cuts or puncture wounds to Vasseur's face, forehead, back of the head, neck, arms, shoulders, chest, back and legs. He also pointed out cuts that were consistent with defensive wounds on the backs of Vasseur's hands and on his palms.

The examiner also said there were patterns within the wounds that appeared to show two and three cuts together. He suggested those wounds could have come from the claw-like weapon while it was in tact with three blades and later in the struggle when one blade had been broken off.

Kentucky State Police Detective Matt Foster was the lead investigator in the case. The detective testified that he arrived on scene about 30 minutes after the incident was first reported. The suspect and victim were already gone, taken to the hospital. He took photographs at the crime scene and gathered evidence, then went to Marion Police Department that evening and interviewed the suspect.

The entire videotaped interview with audio was played for the jury. Detectives Foster and Dan Mork conducted the interview of Deckert, who appeared on camera wearing the same clothes he had worn during the attack. The camera angle was from above and behind the two officers, looking downward toward the suspect.

Deckert agreed to speak to the officers regarding what had happened. At that point, Deckert did not know Vasseur had died. He asked the officers several times how his brother was doing, and they told him they didn't know.

The defense team made a particular point of that issue on various occasions, insisting the officers were misleading the suspect.

The officers asked Deckert what had happened, and he told them he wanted to send his brother "a message" to "put him down, but he kept fighting back."

Deckert said he had planned for a couple of weeks to retaliate on his brother for the years of being bullied by him. Deckert told the officers on the videotape that he was going to move out on his own, but had no idea where he might go. He said his belongings were packed and on the floor in the front room of the house. That's where the claw was located. Deckert said he was a collector of such things.

He said his intent was to beat up his brother, then leave.

"I was going to put him in his place one good time, then be gone," he says on the videotape.

During the interview, Deckert referred several times to the "tone" in which his brother was speaking to him.

"What tone are you talking about," one of the officers asked.

"You know the tone, everyone knows the tone," Deckert told him, "put your chest out and stare somebody down."

"I just wanted to put him down; but he started fighting back," Deckert says on the tape. "I just wanted him to get a message. Then he had that tone again and was in my face."

It was outside where police found a large blood stain in the grass, that testimony indicated the fight ended.

It was there, Deckert told police during the interview that his brother said something that made him pause.

"He looked me in the eye when we hit ground and said, 'I am your brother' and that he loved me," Deckert said on the video. "I had a moment of clarity... and gave him the claw thing."

About 50 minutes into the interview, Detective Foster told

Deckert that his brother had died as a result of the attack.

Deckert then told the investigators he deserved the death penalty and told them there was nothing left to say. He was left alone in the video room for about 10 minutes while the

camera continued to run. Jurors saw that between emotional crying episodes while he was alone in the interview room, Deckert appears to say, "Oh, A.J.," three or four times before putting his head down on the table.

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U.S. 641

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one of their primary concerns.

Alexander said the two had the support of the entire group, including Caldwell County Judge-Executive Ellen Dunning and Lyon County Judge-Executive Wade White, whose counties are also directly affected by the U.S. 641 project.

If funding is the reason for delay, Alexander, who has traveled throughout Kentucky, said it appears there is

enough money to build new highways in other areas of the state.

While local officials are hopeful intervention from Washington could give the U.S. 641 project some momentum, Newcom said Rep. Whitfield cautioned them that even if the federal government were to take over the project, federal money is also tight for new highway construction.

Newcom said the congressman's office has requested a variety of information on the project to consider before moving ahead on the matter.



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# Springs practiced hands-on teaching for 31 years

**By JASON TRAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

To make the best better, that was the goal each day when Crittenden County native Helen Springs stepped inside the classroom. Springs, 97, began her teaching career in 1939 at Oak Hall, the one-room school that was located on Fords Ferry Road in rural Crittenden County. Springs taught at the school for one year. There she developed a teaching style that generations of students would come to love and remember.

Springs wasn't the first educator in her family. Her mother, Ruth Cook Carter, taught at Fords Ferry and Hebron schools. Her brother, Jimmy, and sister, Anna, were also teachers.

For her method of teaching, Springs emphasized education that extended beyond the classroom walls, where students received the opportunity to explore the world around them.

"I always felt that learning was both seeing and doing," Springs said. "It wasn't what was on page 25 (of the textbook). I didn't go by that route. It was hands-on."

A 1935 graduate of Marion High School, Springs remembers the hardships it took just to receive an education in

rural Crittenden County, such as the two-mile walks to school along muddy roadways. Riding a horse or mule to get to school was also common. Once enrolled in high school, a classmate and close neighbor, Charles Springs, drove her to school by car.

Ironically, the adventures to school didn't end when she attended Murray State Teachers College. The 1937 flood had blocked roads and prevented buses from reaching Murray. Once students did arrive on campus, classes had already started for the semester and additional classes had to be opened to accommodate the students' late arrival.

Springs attended the college and earned her teaching certificate where she could teach at rural schools like Oak Hall. Years later she would become an honor graduate upon receiving her degree from the University of Whitewater in Wisconsin.

While at Oak Hall, Springs initially had seven students: four fourth-graders, two seventh-graders and one student in first grade. By the end of the school year another family moved into the community and bumped enrollment to 13.

The modest enrollment at

Oak Hall stands in stark contrast to the 33-second grade students Springs taught the first year she returned to teaching. After leaving Oak Hall, Springs married Jack Silvernail and the couple resided in Wisconsin. There they had one son, Jay. Eventually she resumed her career and spent 30 years in the same classroom at Lincoln School in Whitewater, Wis. While class size was eventually cut to around 25 students, Springs continued to infuse her courses with variety.

"I was different. I taught by doing things," she said, recalling class trips to the police station and fire department to give her students an opportunity to study how both departments ran their operations.

"We went to the fire station and they would put them into the fire truck. Boy that was the biggest thrill of their life," she recalled. "That's the way that I did things."

Being from the South, it did take Springs a while to become acclimated to Wisconsin. In addition to the colder temperatures, both she and her students had to adjust to each other's particular dialects.

"I had a hard time being understood verbally because I had such a southern drawl. That first class I had, I'm telling you, they sat and

laughed at me," she recalled. "I didn't know I was talking differently. But they had a faster, sharper accent."

But it didn't take long for the student-teacher bond to form and Springs' students enjoyed their educational experience. Whether it was taking a walk to discover the first signs of the spring or fall seasons or collecting eggs from a mallard's nest near her home and placing them inside an incubator for the students to watch as they hatched, Springs wanted to extend learning beyond the textbook.

Teaching opportunities also included the importance of caring for the environment. Springs turned a vacant lot by the school into an arboretum. Trees, flowers and prairie grass were planted. The PTA joined the effort by building a small pond for water plants. Springs called it a great opportunity to study nature as classes were held outdoors. As a result of her efforts, in 1977 Springs received the Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award in the state of Wisconsin for teaching conservation and environmental education. She spoke on the project while addressing the state teacher's convention.

Unfortunately, the arboretum didn't survive the passage of time or changes in school administration. Years after her retirement, Springs

had the opportunity to revisit the school and was shocked to see everything had been removed or cut down. Only one tree remained on the lot.

"Daddy had brought me a Tulip Popular from here because they are so different. It is still living in my arboretum up there. That is the only thing left in it," she said. "It had yellow blossoms. It was old enough at that time to bare blossoms. Whether it was an oddity and they left it for that reason, I don't know."

After 31 years of teaching, Springs retired in 1982. After nearly 40 years of marriage, her first husband, Jack, had passed away. Although she had intended to become a substitute teacher after her retirement, a knock on her door one day changed the course of her life.

Charles Springs, her former neighbor and classmate who drove her to high school, had learned her address from her mother. After leaving Crittenden County, he and his wife had moved to Michigan. He, too, had lost his spouse. They renewed their friendship and eventually married at Hebron Church in Crittenden County. The couple relocated to a retirement community in Florida and had the opportunity to visit Japan, New Zealand and Europe until his death after a decade of marriage. Afterwards, Springs

made the decision to return to Crittenden County.

"It's home," she said, adding she had siblings who still resided in the area.

Today, Springs frequently receives letters from former students, some of which entered the teaching profession as well and are preparing for retirement themselves.

Following a family tradition in education, her son Jay is a former principal. She has a grandson, Jon and a great-grandson, Jaron.

Her advice for educators is the importance in acknowledging their students' accomplishments.

"Keep in touch with them. Feel proud and let them know it," Springs said. "As my kids got to high school and made the honor roll, it was in the paper. I always cut it out. I would always send them a card and write them a letter."

While she admits to being "scared to death" on her first day in the classroom at Oak Hall, Springs describes her teaching career as very rewarding.

"Nothing will give you more satisfaction than to see your children learn, progress and develop and to watch (them) grow," she said.

*(Editor's note: The Crittenden Press will throughout the year bring you stories on many of Crittenden County's retired teachers.)*



Springs

# School district wins Greenest Public School Fleet award

STAFF REPORT

The Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition's Green Fleets of the Bluegrass Program recently recognized Crittenden County School District as a leader in fleet sustainability.

Their school district's fleet received the Greenest Public School Fleet award. In 2013, Crittenden County became the first school district in Kentucky to operate a propane-powered school bus. In 2014, they expanded their efforts by purchasing six additional propane powered school buses.

Crittenden County Schools has participated in Green Fleets for three years.

"Their dedication to continuous fleet sustainability improvement has led them to receiving this honor," read a news release. "Crittenden County Schools has not only invested in alternative fuel vehicles, but they devote time to driver training, installed a propane fueling station, practice a stringent anti-idling policy, engage both public and private entities to participate in partnerships and lead the sector in transparency. Their leadership also includes sharing propane vehicle data and speaking at public events about their fleet's experience



SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Crittenden County School District transportation official Wayne Winters (left) accepts an award last month from the Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition's Green Fleets of the Bluegrass Program recognizing the local school district with the Greenest Public School Fleet award.**

with propane powered school buses."

Wayne Winters, a transportation official with the local school district, spearheaded the efforts to bring propane

tively, beyond a shadow of a doubt, the most significant thing about running propane-powered buses, trucks, cars and lawnmowers is the pollution factor. Diesel puts off pollution called particulate matter, which is microscopic soot and it gets in your respiratory system and causes a lot of problems," the release continued.

Crittenden County Schools has been so successful, the district now has seven propane buses on daily routes. And the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) is now allowing any district in the state to operate them. Prior to this, only diesel-engine buses were used in school districts.

Elisa Hanley, KDE's pupil transportation section supervisor, said the propane bus in the pilot performed equal to or better than a similar diesel bus at a much lower cost per mile.

The Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition (KCFC), through the Green Fleets of the Bluegrass Program, provides independent third-party verification of fleet performance. Green Fleets of the Bluegrass is a voluntary recognition program established in 2011. The program aims to improve the en-

vironmental performance of vehicle fleets across Kentucky by reducing petroleum fuel use.

Fleets are recognized with an annual Green Fleets of the Bluegrass rating on a three-tier scale: one leaf, improving; two leaves, achieving; and three leaves, leading.

"Crittenden County Schools continue to test new transportation technologies. All school districts across Kentucky have begun to follow this leadership," said Melissa Howell, Kentucky Clean Fuels Coalition Executive Director.

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## Republicans host dinner April 14

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Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased at the door.

Several candidates up for election this year in Kentucky are scheduled to meet and greet dinner guests before serving begins at 6:30 p.m. Those candidates include Kentucky Agriculture Commissioner Jamie Comer, a

candidate for governor; K.C. Cosbie and Jenean Hampton, candidates for lieutenant governor; state Sen. Whitney Westerfield, candidate for attorney general; state Rep. Mike Harmon, candidate for auditor; state Rep. Kenny Innes, candidate for state treasurer; and state Rep. Richard Heath, candidate for agriculture commissioner.

State Rep. Lynn Bechler of Crittenden County will address the audience on the latest information from the 2015 legislative session.

## April Child Abuse Prevention Month

STAFF REPORT

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Crittenden County officials want to draw attention to the importance of the issue. At noon Tuesday, at the courthouse in Marion, Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and 5th Judicial Circuit Family Court Judge Brandi Rogers will sign a proclamation to bring recognition to child abuse prevention.

In addition, school officials will place pinwheels along school grounds to show their support and encourage education on child abuse. Officials want to demonstrate the importance of families and communities working together to stop child abuse.

According to statistics from 2013, an estimated 679,000 children were victims of child abuse in the United States and Puerto Rico. Nearly 1,500 children died as a result of neglect or abuse.

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2014 1221	SISCO CHRISTOPHER	\$82.71
2014 1222	SISCO CHRISTOPHER L & TABITHA	\$41.85
2014 1225	SITAR BEVERLY	\$44.78
2014 1236	SMM INC	\$1,016.14
2014 1237	SMOCK MARVIN & REBA	\$104.61
2014 1238	SMOCK MARVIN DAVID	\$59.37
2014 1324	THOMPSON MICHAEL % AARON CAMP	\$190.54
2014 1327	THURMOND GAYLENE	\$3.92
2014 1334	TODD DARRELL	\$50.61
2014 1360	TUCKER DAVID D	\$88.55
2014 1365	TURNER JOE D	\$73.96
2014 1388	WALKER ROCKY	\$9.76
2014 1399	WATSON MARY ELIZABETH	\$59.37



# Mineral museum roof still leaky

STAFF REPORT

While this year's winter storms didn't cause additional leaks to the roof of the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum, officials say they are still using buckets to catch rain water in several rooms in the building. And two heavy snows and spring rains have kept the buckets full.

For more than a year, the Marion museum has been plagued by a leaking roof. The flat roof was initially damaged in the 2009 ice storm. While repairs were made, the roof was further damaged by additional winter weather. In December 2013, a winter storm caused ceiling tiles to fall to the floor. A March 2014 ice storm created even more damage to the roof.

Since that time, the leaks have been persistent, threatening the mineral collection and museum displays. Buckets have been placed to catch rainwater and snow melt at several locations within the building. Plastic has also been strategically placed to protect the building from further damage.

While temporary work has been done to repair many of the leaks, contractors have told museum officials the roof needs to be replaced. Estimates for a roof replacement will cost between \$40,000 to almost \$50,000, according to Tina Walker, director of the museum on North Walker Street.

Last year, Crittenden Fiscal



PRESS FILE PHOTO

**Last November, Kentucky Department of Local Government Commissioner Tony Wilder (right) joined Delta Regional Authority Federal Co-chairman Chris Masingill on a visit to the Ben E. Clement Mineral Museum in Marion. Both officials toured the facility and were made aware of its dire need for a new roof, which is illustrated by the donation table inside the facility.**

Court applied through Pennyryle Area Development District for a \$500,000 grant from the Kentucky Department for Local Government for a new roof. The grant request was denied, but officials indicate they will apply again this year for funding.

Walker said the museum continues to accept donations to replace its roof. Last year, area businesses helped with the cause. Both Rogers Group Inc. and Hodge Sales and Service donated money toward the roofing fund.

Meanwhile, another tourist

season is fast-approaching, and despite a leaking roof, the show must go on as tour groups schedule visits to one of western Kentucky's must-see attractions. Walker said groups have been scheduled for visits this week, so tours will be given working around the leaks as best as possible.

The museum showcases the finest collection of fluorspar amassed over a number of years by the museum's namesake, the late Ben E. Clement, a Marion resident, who originally had the collection located in his home.

The mineral museum itself is often called a hidden jewel in western Kentucky, and sees tourists come from across the country. The museum is owned by a nonprofit organization, and the collection is a gift from the heirs of Ben E. Clement to the community. The collection is on permanent loan to the museum as long as the museum is open and meets specific criteria, such as keeping it safe-guarded and insured.

### Upcoming events

In addition to the colorful fluorspar collection on display, Walker said now is the time to register for one of the mineral digs sponsored by the museum. Scheduled dig dates for this season are April 18, May 16, June 6-7, June 18, Aug. 23, Sept. 12 and Oct. 10. Pre-registration for a day or night dig is required.

"We've had several people making reservations," Walker said, adding those wanting to participate can make reservations and download the online form from their website at ClementMineralMuseum.org/digs.html.

The 10th Annual Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show is scheduled for June 6-7 at Fohs Hall, which stand adjacent to the museum.

A much-anticipated annual event, Walker said museum board members started planning on this year's show at the conclusion of last year's show.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Fire damages city home on Sunday

Fire damaged a mobile home on Cherry Street in Marion Sunday night. No one was injured and no one was home when the blaze started.

Marion Fire Department responded shortly after 10 p.m. The fire was quickly extinguished, but not before it did extensive damage to a rental home owned by Mike Perryman.

### New deadline set for ARC/PLC action

Farm owners and producers now have until Tuesday to choose between Agriculture Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), the safety-net programs established by the 2014 Farm Bill. The final day to update yield history or reallocate base acres also will be Tuesday.

The original deadline was this week, but the U.S. Department of Agriculture extended the deadline by a week.

If no changes are made to yield history or base acres by the deadline, the farm's current yield and base acres will be used. If a program choice of ARC or PLC is not made, there will be no 2014 crop year payments for the farm and the farm will default to PLC coverage for the 2015 through 2018 crop years.

### Flu activity up, shots still recommended

The Kentucky Department for Public Health (DPH) continues to emphasize the importance of influenza vaccinations following a recent increase in flu activity attributed to influenza B viruses. While influenza A has accounted for most of the flu activity so far this flu season, it is not uncommon for influenza B types to become predominant in the latter half of the season.

According to DPH, an upswing in flu activity caused by B types of the virus has been observed, including an increase in some long-term care facilities. The level of influenza activity in Kentucky was raised from "local" to "regional" last week due to evidence that flu B cases are on the rise.

"It's not too late to get a flu shot," said DPH Commissioner Dr. Stephanie Mayfield, "Flu season typically runs from October to May."

Dr. Mayfield said the vaccine is still available at various locations, including provider offices, local health departments and pharmacies.

### Congressman under ethics investigation

The House Ethics Committee said Friday it is forming an investigative panel to determine if Congressman Ed Whit-

field (R-Hopkinsville) violated congressional rules by allowing his wife to lobby staff members on issues related to her work.

The committee will examine allegations Whitfield improperly used his official position to benefit himself, his wife or her employer, The Humane Society of the United States.

Whitfield, in his 11th term representing western Kentucky, called the allegations politically motivated by opponents of his work to regulate the Tennessee walking horse industry.

Whitfield's wife, Constance Harriman Whitfield, is a lobbyist for the Humane Society Legislative Fund. She worked with her husband on a bill he sponsored to ban a practice that manipulates a walking horse's hooves to produce an exaggerated, high-stepping gait. The practice, known as "soring," is considered abusive by some animal welfare groups.

"The allegation that my wife lobbied my office or my staff to convince me to introduce and

pass the legislation is absurd," Whitfield said.

Whitfield's bill did not come up for a vote in the last Congress, despite support from a range of animal and veterinary groups and more than 300 cosponsors in the House. Whitfield blamed that outcome on the ethics inquiry, which he said was initiated by groups including the Tennessee-based Performance Show Horse Association and the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration.

— The Associated Press

### Correction

A story in last week's issue of The Crittenden Press incorrectly stated that Crittenden County Judge-Executive Perry Newcom and County Road Foreman Audi Maraman traveled to Tolu March 19 following a meeting of Crittenden Fiscal Court in order to survey a requested need for street repairs. Newcom, however, said he looked at the streets March 21 and repairs were made at the start of the following week.

# Livestock report

## USDA Ledbetter auction results

March 31, 2015

Cattle weighed at time of sale.

Receipts: 794 head.

Last Week: 689 head.

Compared to last week: Feeder steers and heifers

traded unevenly steady. Slaughter cows and bulls steady. Supply included 28% feeder steers, 44% feeder heifers, and 29% feeder bulls.

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
2	200-250	205	380.00-400.00	390.24
6	250-300	278	320.00-350.00	333.46
10	300-350	334	340.00-375.00	348.18
3	350-400	373	322.50-352.50	338.02
15	400-450	420	290.00-315.00	299.09
12	450-500	478	272.50-285.00	280.04
13	500-550	514	269.00-285.00	276.42
25	550-600	567	240.00-262.00	253.16
9	600-650	634	225.00-238.00	228.55
14	650-700	676	212.00-221.50	217.36
5	700-750	720	194.00	194.00
7	750-800	759	192.00-202.00	198.29
1	800-850	800	185.00	185.00
3	850-900	855	192.00	192.00
6	950-1000	992	168.00	168.00
3	1050-1100	1085	166.00	166.00

Feeder Steers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
3	200-250	225	300.00-332.50	320.37
2	250-300	255	315.00	315.00
1	300-350	315	280.00	280.00
3	350-400	392	282.50-300.00	288.23
1	450-500	480	250.00	250.00
4	650-700	663	202.50	202.50

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	235	330.00	330.00
12	250-300	266	310.00-335.00	328.12
9	300-350	321	307.50-320.00	310.22
12	350-400	368	280.00-302.50	292.93
26	400-450	420	265.00-282.50	273.93
28	450-500	469	247.50-260.00	254.95
31	500-550	515	240.00-253.00	245.95
7	550-600	574	220.00-232.50	224.57
6	600-650	618	200.00-215.00	205.20
2	650-700	658	190.00-191.00	190.50
11	700-750	721	185.00-197.00	190.93
3	750-800	783	170.00-180.00	176.37
2	900-950	932	155.00	155.00

Feeder Heifers Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
1	200-250	205	300.00	300.00
19	350-400	370	250.00-276.00	265.01
14	400-450	433	250.00-261.00	254.63

15	450-500	482	200.00-249.00	236.90
29	500-550	538	217.50-235.00	229.78
3	550-600	587	207.00-217.00	213.65
2	700-750	725	175.00-183.00	178.97

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 1-2

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
6	300-350	330	340.00-360.00	346.10
4	350-400	368	320.00-340.00	327.20
17	400-450	425	290.00-320.00	300.95
13	450-500	476	270.00-282.50	274.81
17	500-550	534	255.00-262.50	259.30
15	550-600	569	236.00-255.00	243.44
8	600-650	616	220.00-227.50	223.78
5	650-700	673	206.00-212.50	208.63
9	700-750	734	189.00-197.00	192.55
1	750-800	765	190.00	190.00
3	800-850	820	174.00	174.00
1	900-950	945	135.00	135.00
1	950-1000	950	132.50	132.50

Feeder Bulls Medium and Large 2-3

Head	Wt Range	Avg Wt	Price Range	Avg Price
7	300-350	318	300.00-325.00	317.83
8	350-400	388	240.00-317.50	298.11
11	400-450	431	245.00-287.50	271.27
6	450-500	484	225.00-267.50	240.99
6	500-550	514	228.00-247.00	237.28
10	550-600	579	216.00-225.00	220.93
1	600-650	630	209.00	209.00
2	650-700	660	190.00	190.00
1	700-750	740	155.00	155.00
2	750-800	792	174.00-175.00	174.50

Slaughter Cows:

	%Lean	Weight	Avg-Dress	High-Dress
Breaker	75-80	1300-1735	95-104	
Boner	80-85	1100-1610	100-110	111-112
Lean	85-90	1000-1300	94-102	110

Slaughter Bulls:

YG:	Weight	Avg-Dress	Lo-Dress
#1-2	1425-2105	128.00-139.00	115.00-124.00

Stock Cows: Cows 8 to 10 years old and 6 to 8 months bred 1525.00-1825.00 per head.

Stock Cow/Calf Pairs: Cows 6 to aged with calves at side 1950.00-2875.00 per pair.

Baby Calves: Beef breeds: 475.00-550.00 per head.

Dairy: N.T.

Chip Stewart, market specialist

Source: Kentucky Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Market News, Louisville, Ky (502) 573-0553

This report reflects price of majority of cattle with a USDA grade, weight and sex on sale date. This report does not represent all animals at sale.

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**April 11, 2015 • 9:00 a.m.**

**Location: Lynn Auto Sales**  
**518 South Main Street – Marion, Ky**

**Automobiles/ Tractors/Trailers/Automotive Supplies**  
John Deere 4020 Tractor, 1986 F150 4 x 4 V8 Automatic, 2003 Kia Sorento SUV, 1996 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited V8, 2001 Volkswagen Beetle, 4' x 7' Golf Cart Trailer, 50" x 9' Golf Cart Trailer, 205/70/15 Tires, Automotive manuals, Gas cans, Tractor Cross Drawbars, Miscellaneous car parts

**Buildings/Storage**  
2 – Outdoor Storage Sheds, 18 x 21 Completely Enclosed Storage Building with 8 x 10 Door, windows and side entrance.

**Tools/Equipment**  
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# Most important, most ignored, God’s Word!

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path, said the most famous and successful king who ever lived, King David.

Yet most Americans are very Bible illiterate. Even most Christians have never read the Bible through, and many are not able to discuss God’s Word with others effectively.

This is one of the reasons America is facing God’s wrath.

Jesus said in Matthew 4:4, “...Man shall live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.”

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, all the intelligentsia were highly versed in the scriptures. Bible literacy was required for all who wanted to enter the most prestigious colleges and universities.

Now, those universities have become hot beds for Marxism, atheism and anti-Americanism, calling the Bible a hoax and Christianity a fake, destroying the souls of those who will soon rule over us.

The evil, terrorism and crimes that are causing such suffering and ruined lives, marriages, children, homes and this nation are because people will not read and follow God’s Word.

In times like these years ago, God cried out to His people in Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”

Until Americans return to the God, who made them and loves them more than any of us could ever understand, the pain, sorrow, misery, unhappiness and



unheard of evil will only get worse. It will eventually become a living hell that all nations who have followed the path we are now on have endured.

Most will say they don’t read God’s Word because they cannot understand it. Yet, that Word tells us that the way is so plain that even a fool shall understand it.

“And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein,” reads Isaiah 35:8.

This shows that the way is the Holy way, the unclean shall not walk in it, and one that is traveling on it, even if they aren’t very educated, will understand it and not err in the journey.

God wrote His Word on our conscience when He breathed into man the breath of life. So we all know the Word of God enough from our conscience that we need to follow the one who made us even if we do not know anything else about the Word.

So when we want to understand the Word, we must get honest with God and tell Him what we have done

wrong, even though He already knows it. He requires we tell them to Him and ask for His forgiveness. He then sends His Holy Spirit to live in us and teach us His Words.

Then it all begins to make sense and the joy and peace it brings us far exceeds everything we had before then.

The very first verses in the Bible tell us that God spoke and His Word created all that was made. Think of the power of His Word.

Then the beloved John tells us that His Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. So His Word became Jesus and that is why He wants to live in us by His Spirit, so He can give us peace, help, happiness and joy while teaching us His Word and way here and perfection in everything after this life.

The cry of my soul is for God to send a great Holy Spirit blanket of conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment, even if He has to permit a great disaster to put the fear of God in them.

As Abraham said of a pagan nation he entered, there was no fear of God in the land. America has fallen into that pit.

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction,” Proverbs 1:7 tells us.

So when we lose fear of God, we also enter into ignorance and become unknowledgeable and unwise, and bring shame and pain on ourselves and everyone else.

No wonder America has

fallen behind 35 other nations in the world in education. It used to be No. 1.

American people need to know the biblical account of God warning the Israelites when He brought them out of Egyptian slavery and gave them a nation of their own. He warned that if they left Him and His word and went the way of their pagan neighbors, He would bring the Northern Army against them, destroy their city, kill many and take many as slaves, which He did in 585 B.C.

About 100 years later, God sent some of the slaves to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and temple and warned them if they disobeyed Him again, He would again send a foreign army against them and destroy their city, temple and many of their people and disburse most of them over the entire world.

They disobeyed Him, as did the Israelites before them, and in 70 A.D., God sent the Roman Army against them, destroyed the city, razed and burned the temple, took most of the people to Rome and they were and are scattered over the world. As He promised them, they would be hated and chased to the end of the world.

That is how they ended up in Germany during World War II, which became fuel for the fires of the ovens in the horrific Holocaust.

If America had been faithfully taught history, perhaps they would realize that God keeps His word and that we, too, will reap what we sow.

What we do not know not only affects us, but also gen-

erations after us, just as the Jews of the world still suffer what their ancestors sowed. And they are still sowing, by continuing to deny Jesus as their Savior.

The Jews today are a living example for all the world to see that the Bible is true and God Almighty keeps His word, even generation after generation.

If those university professors were smart professors – instead of smart alecks – and all the pulpit pastors in our churches knew God’s word and world history, America would not be in the horrible,

frightening and fearful judgment of God’s wrath we see all around us with every news flash.

If only we had more Godly men and women to stand in the gap, we would not have to be the precipitants of the following warning from Psalms 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

(Rev. Lucy Tedrick of Marion shares her views regularly in this newspaper. Her opinions are her own, and are not necessarily those of the newspaper.)

## Community church notes

■ **Marion United Methodist Church** and **First Cumberland Presbyterian Church** will host joint services for Easter. The Maundy Thursday service will begin at 7 p.m., at Marion United Methodist Church. First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host Good Friday services at 7 p.m. First Cumberland Presbyterian Church will host Easter sunrise services at 6 a.m.

■ **Deer Creek Baptist Church** will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m., Saturday. Refreshments will be provided. On Easter Sunday, there will be a sunrise service at 6 a.m. Bible study will be held at 10 a.m. and the Easter celebration worship service will be at 11 a.m. For more information, call the church at (270) 965-2220.

■ **Hurricane Church** will hold its Easter Sunrise Service at 6 a.m., Sunday. Bro. John Robertson will deliver the message. Come for the service and stay for breakfast.

■ **Frances Community Church** invites everyone to its Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m. Bro. Butch Gray will deliver the message. Breakfast and an Easter egg hunt will follow the service.

■ **Pleasant Grove General Baptist Church** will have its Easter sunrise service at 6 a.m., with breakfast to follow.

■ **Creek Side General Baptist Church** and Pastor Roger Holloman welcome the public to Easter sunrise services at 6 a.m., Sunday.

■ **Unity General Baptist Church** located on U.S. 641 in Crayne will hold revival services at 7, nightly, April 6-8, with Bro. David Gargus as the evangelist. Bro. Barry and the congregation invite the public to attend.

■ A revival will be held at **Old Salem Baptist Church** April 19-22. Services begin at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., April 19 and at 7 p.m., week-nights. The evangelist will be Justin Mason. Pastor Desi Ginn invites the public to attend.

# Christ fulfilled the Sabbath rest God desires for His people

By **FELTY YODER**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

When God had finished the creation of heaven and the earth, which culminated with man in His image, He ordained the seventh day as a Sabbath. His Sabbath rest was short-lived, for the man he had made in His image sinned, and God’s rest was disturbed.

Once again God went to work, and for many centuries worked in the hearts of men, waiting for the time when the woman’s seed would bruise the head of the serpent. (See Genesis 3:15). The Seed was our Lord Jesus, who would bruise the serpent’s head, and in Him the Father found true rest.

This Man was Himself the true temple of God, as He walked in the earth. God once

again enjoyed a Sabbath rest. And as God ministered through this Man, God was drawing closer and closer to Adam’s fallen race – not only to bring them back to God, but to prepare them “for a habitation of God through the Spirit,” according to Ephesians. 2:22.

We, too, may become a part of this house as we come into oneness with the Son. We do not become another temple, but we become a part of Him, an enlargement of the temple He is.

There is no record of man keeping the Sabbath until the giving of the law at Sinai. Here, God gave Israel at the hand of Moses. They included the Sabbath laws.

They were compulsory, and there were very severe punishments if broken. But His

people never experienced a real Sabbath rest because of their consistent rebellion against God.

When Jesus came to earth to carry out the work of the Father, He would do the Fathers work even on the Sabbath, as He rested in the Father and the Father in Him. This deviation from the religious order of the day got Him in trouble with the religious leaders, big time. They did not know that in doing the will of the Father, He was walking in Sabbath rest every day.

All through His ministry on the earth, Jesus continued working to bring God and man into the new Sabbath rest of the new creation order.

The Bible speaks much of God’s rest, and we can learn that Israel didn’t enter into rest because of unbelief.

Therefore, God spoke of another day of rest, and that day is today.

We don’t have to wait until we die and to go Heaven to enter into rest. The rest we are speaking about is for us.

“Today, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts,” reads Psalms 95:7-8). “Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief,” Hebrews 4:11 tells us.

The laboring must be in the Spirit. The word means to be diligent in our walk with God, that we might have intimate communion with Him, abiding in Him, and He in us.

It is through the living word, activated by His spirit, that we come into rest. If we attempt to enter into rest on our own, then the frustrations

of our own labors will defeat us. But we must know Christ is our Mediator in the heavens, interceding for us that we do not fall short of His desire for us.

We all fall short of this abiding union with Him. But He will not fail in His advocacy on our behalf, until we find total delight in God and He finds total delight in us.

Let us therefore humble ourselves so that the Lord will bring us into perfect love. And let us seek the Lord very earnestly for His presence in our midst and that He abides in us in rest and in joy.

For “the Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty, He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy; He will rest in His love. He will joy over thee with singing,” reads Zephaniah 3:17.

With what we have said about the Sabbath rest, we want to keep in mind Paul’s exhortation in Romans 14:5-6. We are not to judge any man who in His walk with God chooses to keep certain day as special unto the Lord. This is all our liberty in the Spirit, to keep all days the same, or to observe one day above another. Nor are they to judge our liberty, if we observe all days the same, as we do it unto the Lord, and enjoy God’s Sabbath rest every day.

“Let us, therefore, fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it,” reads Hebrews 4:1.

(Felty Yoder is a resident of the Salem community and has lived with his family in the area for two decades.)

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OBITUARIES

— PAID OBITUARY —

Agent

David Wayne Agent, 64, of Burna died Feb. 22, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

He was a retired river boat captain and truck driver.

Agent is survived by his father, David L. Agent of Burna; a brother, Randall Agent of Evansville, Ind.; two sisters, Connie Hanks of Marion and Betty Cates of Smithland; a brother-in-law, Kevin Cates of Smithland; and a beloved friend, Judy Riley of Burna.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rose M. Agent; an infant brother, Carol D. Agent; and a brother-in-law, James Hanks of Marion.

Cremation services were completed by Smith Funeral Chapel of Smithland.

Memorial contributions may be made to any charitable organization.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Eskew

Hazel M. Eskew, 84, of Marion died March 25, 2015, at Livingston Hospital and Healthcare Services in Salem.

She is survived by three daughters, Brenda (Mike) Taylor of Princeton, Judy (Steve) Dack of Lexington and Darlene Eskew of Marion; a son, Steve Eskew of Marion; six sisters, Mary Riley of Louisville, Nellie Johnson of Desoto, Texas, Dortha Mann of Lakeland, Fla., Carolyn Dooms of Marion, Sharon Richardson of Hanson and Wanda Gal of Calhoun, Ga.; two brothers, Robert Roberts of Marion and Gary Roberts of Eddy, Texas; two grandchildren, Jeff Butler and Shelley Taylor; and two great-grandchildren.

Eskew was preceded in death by her husband, Earl P. Eskew; her parents, Luther and Lucy Wesmoland Roberts; and a sister, Benny Roberts.

Funeral services were Saturday at Gilbert Funeral Home in Marion with interment in Maplevue Cemetery in Marion.

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Most obituaries in The Crittenden Press are published at no charge. However, extended obituaries are available for a small fee. There is no charge for use of a photo. Please ask your funeral director about fee-based obituaries.

Obituaries that appear in the paper are also accessible on the Web for free at The Press Online.

Meeting set for cemetery group

Shady Grove Cemetery Association will have its annual meeting next week, according to Nancy Herran. The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. April 12 at Shady Grove Volunteer Fire Department.

DeBoe

Elizabeth Ann DeBoe, 88, of Marion died March 25, 2015, at her daughter's home in Marion.

She is survived by a son, William Marty Asbridge of Paducah; a daughter, Brenda Joyce Winders of Marion; a stepdaughter, Joyce Ray Standley of Owensboro; a sister, Dorothy "Dott" Hodge; a brother, Billy Duke Hodge; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, William Elzie Asbridge and Hubert DeBoe; a daughter, Frankie Helen Haney; and four brothers.

Boyd Funeral Directors and Cremation Services in Salem was in charge of arrangements.

— PAID OBITUARY —

Lanham

Sherrie Ann Lanham, 67, of Marion died Feb. 27, 2015, at Crittenden Health Systems in Marion.

She was a homemaker and member of Piney Fork Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Lanham is survived by her husband, Donald Lanham of Marion; a daughter, Michelle Lanham of Marion; a son, Michael Lanham of Marion; an adopted daughter, Christina Workman of Marion; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, George Thomas and Mary Kathleen O'Flaherty Turley; and sister, Sheila Kay Shewmaker.

Funeral services were March 4 at Myers Funeral Home in Marion with burial in Maplevue Cemetery.

Word on the street...

By KATIE DAVIES

*This week is spring break for Crittenden County schools, so we hit the streets to ask people what they most enjoy about the time off?*



**Kristen Perryman**, a junior at Crittenden County High School, says simply being out of school is what she likes the most.



**Adam Driver**, a senior at Crittenden County High School, said he likes spending his break hanging out with friends and playing baseball.



**Kathleen Johnson**, a math teacher with the local school district, enjoys having one last break before the school year finishes in May.



**Will Tolley**, a sophomore at Crittenden County High School, said not being in school, but being outside and relaxing is what is best about spring break.



**Aerial Wright**, a senior at Crittenden County High School, believes spending time with her friends and family makes spring break great.

Woman warns of AYI scam

STAFF REPORT

A Crittenden County woman is warning users of an adult dating app on Facebook of a scam.

Melody Tabor said some people on AYI – Are You Interested? – are pretending to be members of the military asking people for money for various reasons. The scammers are using photos of real military personnel without their permission.

Tabor, who served in the Army, said she had contact with a scammer pretending to be a soldier who needed \$330 for leave. That is just one example of attempts to bilk people. Being ex-military, she is aware that the things help is being asked for do not cost soliders money. However, she said many people may not have that insight.

People asking for a MoneyGram or cash through Western Union is one sign of a scam. Find more on Facebook.com/MilitaryRomances.

Former trooper to stand trial June 3

THE PADUCAH SUN

A trial date has been set in the Livingston County case against a former Kentucky State Police trooper with Post 1 in Mayfield.

Starting June 3, Donald Crawford, who served as a trooper for nine years, will stand trial for two counts of official misconduct and one count of attempted witness tampering.

The charges were brought after the KSP Public Affairs Branch in Frankfort opened an investigation last August to look into what led to Crawford's abrupt resignation.

According to the Marshall County Tribune-Courier, Crawford resigned after information surfaced in the community alleging he had inappropriate contact with a Benton minor during a traffic stop in Grand Rivers.

Last Thursday, the former trooper appeared in Livingston District Court for a pretrial hearing to address a motion filed by the defense to suppress statements he made to KSP investigators on Aug. 20, 2014.

Crawford's attorney, Del Pruitt, filed the motion March 18, saying the statements were taken without Crawford being read his Miranda rights and are now being used as evidence against him.

Pruitt said Crawford was called in to speak with KSP officials that day under the guise that they wanted to discuss his employment with the agency and was blindsided when the discussion turned to the alleged incidents.

Livingston District Judge James Redd scheduled a hearing for 1 p.m. April 20, where he will issue a decision regarding the requested suppression.

"The allegation is that (Crawford) wasn't Mirandized before the statements were made, but to be Mirandized you have to be in custody, and it's our position that Mr. Crawford was not in custody when he was interviewed by the state police," said Assistant Webster County Attorney Clint Prow, special prosecutor on the case.

During that interview, Prow said, Crawford recounted what had happened that night. Crawford's statements, Prow added, matched those of the victims.

Prow has met with Pruitt and made an offer for a plea deal. Although he was unwilling to discuss the particulars, he did say the deal involved pleading guilty to all charges and some jail time. Pruitt said the proposed agreement involved a 12-month jail sentence with the stipulation Crawford would serve 90 days.



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# Fohs Hall Inc. to award community service

**STAFF REPORT**

The Fohs Hall Inc. Scholarship Fund expects to award up to \$1,000 in scholarships for the current academic year.

Each year Fohs Hall Inc. awards scholarships to students with a demonstrated history of community serv-

ice. The scholarships require a good grade point average, but they are not primarily academic scholarships.

Scholarship application is open to anyone pursuing post-high school education or vocational training and is not limited by age of the ap-

plicant. Special consideration is given based on demonstrated financial need. Applicants may re-apply in subsequent years and, if selected, will be funded for additional years.

The deadline for application submission is May 31, 2015.

Since its formation in 1989, the Fohs Hall Inc. Scholarship Fund has awarded 61 scholarships totaling \$57,900 to Crittenden County students.

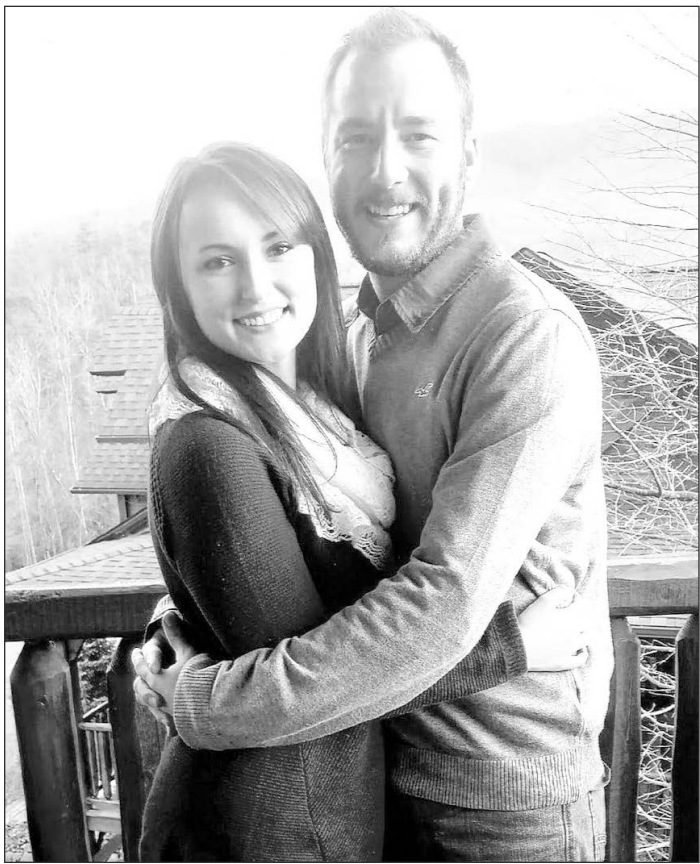
If you would like more information or are interested in applying for a scholarship, you can obtain an ap-

plication form by contacting the high school guidance counselor or Scholarship Fund Coordinator Linda Schumann at (270) 965-3332.

Anyone interested in supporting young people and adults active and involved in a positive way in

the community may contribute to the Fohs Hall Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 1, Marion, KY 42064.

"Your contribution is an excellent way to make a difference in the lives of deserving young people in Crittenden County," said Schumann.



## Phelps-Collins

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Phelps of Marion announce the engagement of their daughter, Morgan Alexandria Phelps, to Tyler Clay Collins, son of William and Vicky Collins of Marion.

Phelps is a 2013 graduate of Remnant Christian Academy and is attending Henderson Community College. She is employed at New Haven Assisted Living.

Collins is a 2008 graduate

of Crittenden County High School and a 2013 graduate of Murray State University with a bachelor's degree in political science. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration at Murray State University.

The wedding will be held at 2 p.m., April 11 at St. William Catholic Church. Only out of town invitations are being sent.

## Smithland quilt show to feature Bryant as speaker

**STAFF REPORT**

Livingston County Historical Society will host a quilt show April 23 in the Historic Courthouse in Smithland. The doors will open at 11 a.m., and admission is free. Concessions will be available for lunch or snacks.

Bobbie Smith Bryant will be the guest speaker. A native of Calloway County, Bryant is an engaging speaker and the author of several books, including "Forty Acres and a Red Belly Ford," "Farming in the Black Patch," "Life in the Black Patch" and "Passions

of the Black Patch: Cooking and Quilting in Western Kentucky."

Bryant will speak at 1 p.m.

There will also be old friendship quilts, new quilts and a variety of quilts brought in for display.

To display a quilt or for further information, call (270) 928-4656. Also, find Livingston County Historical Society on Facebook.



Bryant

## Greer named state finalist in pageant

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden County resident Natalie Greer, 9, has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss Kentucky Pageant to be held June 5-7 at the Crowne Plaza in Louisville. Greer is the daughter of Joshua and Amber Jackson.

The National American Miss Pageants are held for girls ages 4-18, and have five different age divisions. Greer will participate in the junior pre-teen age division.

Greer, a third grader at Crittenden County Elementary School, enjoys singing, dancing, playing soccer, reading, writing and hunting with her father.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses and air transportation to compete in the national pageant in California, where participants will receive a complimentary tour of Hollywood and two VIP tickets to Disneyland.

The National American Miss Pageants are dedicated to celebrating America's future leaders and



Greer

equipping them with life-long skills. Each year the pageant nationally awards more than \$1.5 million in cash, scholarships and other prizes, including a new Ford Mustang convertible.

National American Miss Pageants are also kept age appropriate. Girls under the age of 12 are not allowed to wear make-up and there isn't a swimsuit competition. The pageant's program is based on inner-beauty, as well as poise and presentation and offers fun for families and friends. Emphasis is placed on the importance of developing self-confidence, learning good sportsmanship, as well as setting and achieving personal goals. The pageant recognizes the accomplishments of its participants while encouraging them to set goals for the future.

## Locals participate in cultural arts contest

**STAFF REPORT**

Crittenden County Extension Homemakers participated in the Pennyrile Area Cultural Arts contest on March 20. The event had been originally scheduled for February but was postponed twice due to winter weather.

A total of nine counties participated in the competition. Crittenden County was represented with 12 participants and 23 entries. Blue ribbon winners are now eligible for the state competition that will occur in Louisville in May.

Local participants included Judith Ann Manley, JoAnne Winn, Helen

Springs, Tabby Tinsley, Nancy Lanham, Kristi Harris, Debbie Padgett, Sarah Ford, Brandi Potter, Maegan Potter, Tessa Potter and Barbara Myers.

Blue ribbon winners headed to state are:

- Judith Ann Manley: Novelty Basket.
- Maegan Potter: Pre-made Ceramics.
- Helen Springs: 14 and under, Counted Cross Stitch.
- Sarah Ford: Heritage Layout, Scrapbooking.
- Sarah Ford: Miscellaneous Layout, Scrapbooking.
- Judith Ann Manley: Hand Weaving.



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## Sponsoring smiles

Woman's Club of Marion held a work party last week to construct Smile Bags for Operation Smile. Judith Ann Manley (shown above) completes the final step by pulling ribbon through the casing. Operation Smile is a community partner of the General Federation of Women's Club and supports medical volunteers who provide safe, effective and free cleft lip and cleft palate repair surgery for children around the world. Club president Becky Zahrtre said the local bags will be sent to Operation Smile representatives, who will fill them and give them to children having surgery. The next meeting of the Woman's Club of Marion is 5:30 p.m., April 7.

### SENIOR CENTER CALENDAR

Crittenden County Senior Citizens Center is open weekdays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. each day and is \$3 for those age 60 and older. Milk, coffee or tea are available each day. Reservations are requested. All menu items are subject to change based on availability.

Every day, the center at 210 N. Walker St. in Marion offers billiards, card games, Wii games and the use of exercise equipment. Call the center at (270) 965-5229 for further information.

Upcoming activities and menu include:

- Today: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is barbecue chicken, whole kernel corn, mashed potatoes, whole wheat roll and tropical fruit.
- Friday: The center is closed in observance of Good Friday.
- Monday: Ladies exercise by Full Body Fitness Studio be-

**Monthly fellowship dinner**  
5 p.m. next Thursday

Entree will be beef roast with sides dishes brought by guests

A \$5 donation is requested

Entertainment will be provided

gins at 9:45 a.m. Menu is baked Italian chicken, broccoli soup, stewed potatoes, whole wheat roll and glazed pears.

- Tuesday: Menu is meatball with gravy, mashed potatoes, lima beans, wheat bread slice and Dreamsicle gelatin.
- Wednesday: Intro to line dancing begins at 10:30 a.m. Menu is chicken and dumplings, buttered spinach, seasoned cabbage, cornbread and apple cobbler.
- Next Thursday: Bible study begins at 10 a.m. Menu is beef stroganoff on noodles, seasoned peas, baby carrots, whole wheat roll and fruit salad pudding.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Tuesday, April 7**

- Crittenden County Extension Service ANR Agent Meredith Hall will conduct a beekeeping meeting at 7 p.m., at the Ed-Tech Center. All are welcome to attend.

**Friday, April 10**

- 4-H Communications Day will be held at 5:30 p.m., at the Crittenden County Extension Service. Youth interested in learning and participating in speech or demonstrations can contact 4-H Extension Agent Leslea Barnes at (270) 965-5236 for more information.
- The Lace Up for a Cure run to benefit Relay for Life will be held at 6 p.m. at the Marion City-County Park. Registration will take place at 5 p.m. Contact Chad Bell at (270) 969-0385 or Natalie Parish at (270) 871-1383 for more information. Entry is \$25 per person.

**Saturday, April 11**

- Sheridan Fire Department will host a consignment auction beginning at 10 a.m. Items will be accepted starting April 10. The department reserves the right to refuse items. For more information call John Croft at (270) 969-0004 or Evan Head at (270) 969-4878.
- Crittenden County 4-H will host a cake decorating pro-

gram. RSVP by calling the Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236.

**Saturday, April 18**

- Just Cuts in Salem will hold a cut-a-thon from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in support of Mason Fuller, son of Brad and Jenny Fuller of Salem. Refreshments will be served and donations toward the Fuller fund accepted.

**On-going events**

- Relay for Life of Crittenden County will hold meetings at 5:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month at the Crittenden County Courthouse. This year's theme is "Every Hero has a Story."
- Veterans in Crittenden County looking for benefit information can contact Renita Duff with the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., weekdays at (270) 322-9087.

*(Editor's note: Keep the community aware of your organization or club activities and celebrations. Email your community calendar items to The Crittenden Press at pressnews@the-press.com. Type "Community Calendar" in the subject line. Items need to be received by 5 p.m. on Monday for the current week's publication each Thursday.)*

## Hall to discuss beekeeping, tree pruning techniques

**STAFF REPORT**

Beekeeping and fruit tree care will be the topics Crittenden County Extension Service ANR Agent Meredith Hall will speak on during two upcoming meetings.

Hall will present a program entitled "All about the Bees" to the Woman's Club of Marion at 5:30 p.m., April 7, at its club building.

Hall, the Woman's Club Conservation Chair, will explain the renewed local in-

terest in beekeeping. The Hostess Committee includes Linda Schumann and Gladys Brown.

Members are reminded to bring new member applications and aluminum cans which will be donated to 4-H. For further information contact Becky Zahrtre, club president, at (270) 978-3328.

The following day, Hall will be joined by Susan Fox, Ag Extension Agent for Lyon County, as they con-



Hall

duct a class on the proper way to care for fruit trees. A fruit tree pruning and grafting class will be held at 1 p.m., April 8 at the Ed-Tech Center in Marion. Daniel Becker, fruit and vegetable associate from the University of Kentucky,

will provide hands-on training.

Hall said the first half of the class will focus on grafting apple trees. During the second half of the class, participants will carpool to a homeowner's orchard to practice different pruning techniques.

The cost of the class is \$10 and is limited to 20 participants. Contact the Crittenden County Extension Service at (270) 965-5236 to register.



## Students visit Toyota plant

Crittenden County math instructor Ken Geary recently took his Algebra 1 students on a tour of the Toyota Motor Manufacturing plant in Princeton, Ind. Prior to his teaching career, Geary worked at the plant for six years as a Quality Resident Engineer for Tokai-Rika, a Japanese supplier to Toyota, based in Plymouth, Mich.



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# Ministry offers hope, teaches accountability

**By JASON TRAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

It's an opportunity to offer mercy and hope while still teaching important lessons in accountability.

For nearly five years, Crittenden County resident Marilyn Iddings has been a volunteer for HR Ministries, headquartered in Princeton. One of its outreaches involves a prison ministry, where Iddings works with female inmates at the Western Kentucky Correctional Complex in Fredonia.

A former teacher in the Crittenden County School District, Iddings doesn't define her role as a teacher or counselor, but as a coach to the inmates who participate in a program. At the heart of the program, inmates learn about redemption through a relationship with Jesus Christ; reconnection, involving their children and other family members, and re-entry, which includes functioning as law-abiding positive contributors to society.

HR Ministries is a non-profit Christian organization currently involved in 17 prisons, jails and halfway houses. Additionally, four Job Corps campuses are located in

Greenville, Morganfield, Louisville in Kentucky and Excelsior Springs, Mo. Another ministry outreach, Emmaus House, serves as a short-term transition house for former inmates, Job Corps students and those in communities dealing with adverse circumstances. Joseph's Storage Bin, another of the ministry's outreaches, provides clothing and household items at reduced prices and offers educational assistance in budgeting.

Over the past decade, the prison ministry has been developing two programs, Malachi Dads for male institutions and Rubies for LIFE for female institutions. The programs offer a foundation course that lasts 16 weeks for male inmates and 18 weeks for female inmates. A follow-up 12-month course is available once the initial course is completed.

Iddings stressed that unlike some programs, inmates do not receive time off their sentence for participating in the program. Strict guidelines must be followed for participation in the program, initiated by both prison officials and HR Ministries. Coaches are

responsible for following a weekly agenda while ensuring each inmate in the program completes assigned tasks.

Participation requirements include attending a class once a week with their lesson work prepared. Inmates must also participate in a monthly one-to-one mentoring session where they meet 30 minutes with a volunteer coach. They are required to write daily in a journal and write two letters per month to each one of their children.

"We require that they date them so we can see this is a new letter," Iddings said.

She added that some of the women are not allowed to have any contact with their children due to court restrictions. She indicated they are still required to write the letters anyway so that if one day they can reconnect with their children, they will be able to see progress in both their



Iddings

thinking and their heart. Additionally, their children will know they were being thought of and prayed for during the time of incarceration.

If inmates do not have children, they are required to write two letters per month to another family member. The purpose of initiating contact involves reconnecting to family members.

Iddings said that when inmates are paroled, it is often not easy for them to obtain a job or rent an apartment. Life can be hard once they leave prison and coaches work to help them learn how to apply biblical truth in every facet of life and to be better prepared for realities once they are released.

Both ministry and prison officials have noted progress has been made and the program has been deemed a success. Of the first 27 individuals that graduated from the program, only one has been reincarcerated in the past six years. The recidivism rate is usually 70 to 80 percent. Iddings said those working with HR Ministries want to share God's love and the life-changing message of

the Bible and help break the cycle of repeating an institutional lifestyle.

HR Ministries has been invited into 17 different institutions because many prison officials have learned of the success rate and inquired about developing a program with the ministry for their facility.

During their time with the inmates, coaches must adhere to strict prison rules for visitors. Khakis cannot be worn. Nothing can be taken in or taken out of the facility during their time there. Also, coaches are not allowed to touch the inmates. Iddings indicated they are not allowed to hold hands in a circle to pray or give an inmate a hug of encouragement as they sit around a table and speak of regrets, such as not being able to visit a loved one dying of cancer.

Once an inmate is released, it is the responsibility of that inmate to initiate contact with HR Ministries. Prison rules forbid ministry officials to make the initial contact. Once a former inmate contacts the ministry, those with the organization can assign someone to work with that person as a

mentor or provide them with information on where to attend a weekly Bible study in their area.

Inmates are encouraged to stay away from situations that will drag them back into their previous lifestyle. Iddings said they work to help them understand there are consequences to choices and underscore the importance of being accountable will help them once they do find employment.

Iddings said she's been amazed at what God has done through the program and is thankful to have the privilege of being a part of it. She said many more male and female volunteers are needed for a variety of tasks both inside and outside prison walls.

For more information, contact HR Ministries at (270) 365-6044 or visit [www.HRMinistries.net](http://www.HRMinistries.net).

Although she had never thought of being called to work as a prison ministry coach, Iddings said once she responded to the need, she knew it was part of God's plan for her life.

"He's given me the strength and the desire," she said.

# Former Crittenden teacher pens children's book

**By JASON TRAVIS**  
STAFF WRITER

Overcoming barriers has been the theme of Marilyn Konstanty's professional career as an educator. It is also the central focus of her new children's book due out later this month.

Konstanty's book, entitled "Beezie with a Sneezie," focuses on one tiny bee with a gigantic problem. It has allergies and can't gather pollen, which leads it to search for a cure.

"It's a nice story of how someone overcomes a problem," Konstanty said. "I like that. I really like that theme."

Konstanty is a retired

special education teacher who spent 26 years in the classroom. She taught for two years in Crittenden County Schools. She also taught in Florida, as well as in Henderson County and at Livingston Central High School for 14 years.

Originally from Butler County, Ky., she and her husband have called Crittenden County home for more than 25 years. A graduate of Western Kentucky University, she received her Rank 1 certification in education from Murray State University.

In her book, Konstanty said her intent was to create a story that depicted a



Konstanty

character who overcame an obstacle. Because she was writing for children, Konstanty realized artwork was just as important as the storyline itself because children would have something to visualize while reading. She worked with local artist Alexa Black, who provided illustrations for the book and brought the story's main character to life through her drawings.

"Alexa is such an ex-

pressive artist," Konstanty said. "She put a lot into each illustration."

Last month, Konstanty realized another important element needed to be added to the book. While visiting with her 6-year-old granddaughter in Wisconsin, Konstanty realized the girl enjoyed looking at the book's color cover. Konstanty called it a genuine reaction from her granddaughter and realized color could be used to fill in Black's illustrations.

Konstanty also incorporated her grandchildren Kaiya and Phillip as char-

acters in the book.

"Beezie with a Sneezie" will be available through Amazon.com. Konstanty will also have copies available to both autograph and sell.

Konstanty said she enjoys writing and has cabinets filled with poems, essays and stories she's written. For her, the most rewarding part of this process was getting the project completed, expressing satisfaction with an accomplished goal.

She's also moving on to meet more goals as she plans her next book. Veer-

ing away from children's literature, Konstanty will draw from her experiences as a young girl who grew up on a tobacco farm and witnessed how the crop played a vital role in the family's structure. While she doesn't smoke or advocate the use of tobacco, she said the crop was the backbone of her family's economic survival and believes it's a story that needs to be told.

In addition to her teaching and writing careers, Konstanty enjoys spending time gardening and the opportunity to explore nature.

## Ky. AG issues information to MCU students

STAFF REPORT

Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway on Friday issued important information to current or former students of Mid-Continent University (MCU).

This week, MCU began sending letters to students who did not anticipate the receipt of federal student loans. It is offering the students two discounted repayment options - a 10-year loan at a 20-percent discount and a single cash payment at a 30-percent discount.

If a student receives this letter and believes that he or she applied and qualified for federal student loans to cover any portion or all of the balance, the student should not complete the repayment paperwork. He or she should immediately inform MCU that he or she anticipated federal student loans to cover all or a portion of the MCU balance.

Once the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General finalizes its agreement with MCU, students who anticipated the receipt of federal student loans will receive a separate packet

offering the two discounted repayment options, plus the option of a loan matching the terms of federal student loans. Those terms provide consumer protections for students that include: in-school deferment, forbearance, and flexible repayment options. This packet will also include information about applying for closed school discharges of MCU balances.

If students have any ques-

tions about repayment or their obligations, they may e-mail the Office of the Attorney General at [mcu3@ky.gov](mailto:mcu3@ky.gov). They may also leave a message at (502) 696-5395. Students leaving a message should say and spell their full name and provide a telephone number and e-mail address. You may also mail the Office of Consumer Protection, 1024 Capital Center Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601.



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# Chapel Hill Church gone but not forgotten

## Small church held many memories

Several of our little country churches are gone now, closed due to a lack of membership and attendance and lost to a more modern way of worship. After sitting empty for a while, deterioration sets in and, eventually, vandalism occurs, which is a disgrace for the honored places of worship and memories of the families who attended these churches. The end comes when they have to be taken down completely. The churches may be gone from sight, but the memories of the families who attended will always be close in their hearts.

The Chapel Hill church was one such place. The following tells how the Chapel Hill church originated and how it ended.

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The frontier religious revival of the early 1800s led to Bethany USA Presbyterian Church in 1803. A church was organized in the area known as Crooked Creek and was called the Bethany Presbyterian Church. A log building was soon built for worship.

No records are available as to the exact date or the circumstances of the founding, but from a knowledge of frontier church history, one could assume that it was founded in the home of a member.

In 1842, Crittenden County was created out of Livingston County and a new town of Marion was laid out as the county seat. A section of land was granted to Bethany Presbyterian Church.

In 1845-46, the congregation moved from its location on Crooked Creek to the plot of land within Marion that had been granted to it. This lot was on the site of the "Old Grave Yard," in the present City of Marion. On this location, a brick structure was built and served as the house of worship for the church to the time of the division in 1881.

By this time, the old brick church, as it was known, was in need of repair. A new church building was necessary because the old one had, over the course of time, become so deteriorated that it had been deemed unsafe.

In building the new church, it was deemed necessary to change the location to one nearer the center of the city. The First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on Bellville and College streets was organized and a new house of worship built.

This new location in-



creased the distance to the church for the members in the Chapel Hill neighborhood, and they decided to organize a separate church convenient to their homes.

Their new church would be built closer to these families and they adopted as its name "The Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church," by which it is still remembered today, even though it's no longer there.

Charter members were: Matilda Armstrong, Mary Armstrong, Mrs. Gabrilla Carrick, Julia Elder, John G. Elder, Addie Franks, John A. Hill, Margaret L. Hill, Mary C. Mayes, William T. Mayes, James S. Mayes, Helen Mayes, Mr. and Mrs. Thadius Wither- spoon, J.H. Yandell and Sarah T. Yandell.

Services were held in the schoolhouse until the house of worship could be built. Land was given by Thomas M. Hill for the new church in 1884. Hill and his mother also donated land for Chapel Hill Cemetery in 1903.

The new church building was dedicated July 20, 1884, with the Rev. W.W. Cleland giving the dedicatory address. A great revival followed for the next two weeks which added many members to the church roll.

*(This information was shared by Marie Conditt, who's husband, Charles Conditt, was a grandson of Thomas Hill.)*

### Successful revival

From an article in The Crittenden Press from August 1925, it tells of the annual meeting at Chapel Hill. Twenty five services in all were held at the church during the 11 days of the meeting and in several homes of the members. The entire attendance was 2,248.

A young ladies prayer meeting was held, which was a great help in enlisting and developing the young ladies of the community.

There were three professions and six additions to the church. There are very few unsaved people in the community and only a few that do not belong to the church. The community was greatly benefited by the meeting.

*(Reported by Miss Marguerite Bigham, a member.)*

### Service flag dedication

In March 1943, the church held a service flag dedication as they had 17 members of their church who were in the armed

services during World War II. One of their members, Tommie Collins, had been killed in action during the Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Mrs. Earl Patmor was in charge of the dedication. The members in service to appear on the flag were: Kevil Clement, Tommie Collins, Marvin Collins, Rudel Nunn, Kevil Nunn, Lenville Walker, Orville Walker, Douglas Walker, Randall Walker, Glenn Walker, William Beshears, Lonnie Bealmear, Randall Boyd, Doyle Walker and Roy Beshears.

Mr. Conditt said, "Everyone is invited to attend this service and participate. All members in the armed forces are of long prominent and established families in the county and well known throughout, and, consequently, this dedication will in many ways connect every one in the community."

### Closing of Chapel Hill Church

In 1964, after 80 years of church services and the scene of many cherished church gatherings, only Sunday school was being held.

Like so many of our older country churches, the attendance had dwindled to only a few. The older members had passed away and many younger people had to move away in search of jobs to support their families.

Steps were next taken to dissolve the Chapel Hill Church effective July 15, 1967, due to low attendance, and members still attending were asked to move their membership to other Presbyterian churches in the county.

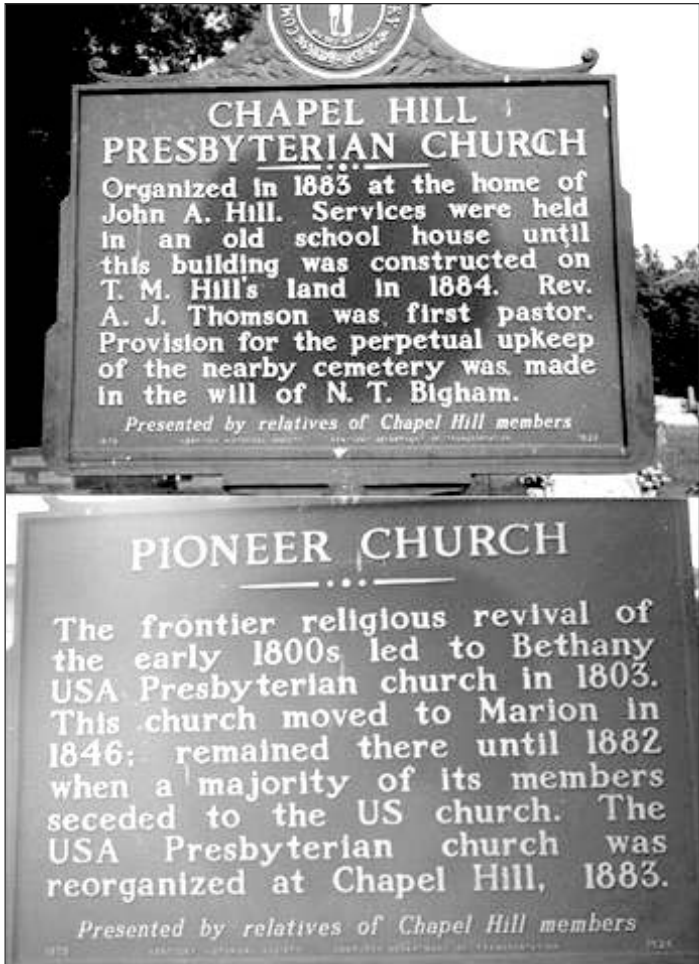
### Historical highway marker

Past members and relatives of these members, in hope to have the history of this wonderful old church preserved, got together and applied for a Kentucky Highway Marker to be set on the property near the church and the cemetery. This dream was fulfilled in 1975. This marker still stands proudly today, and it tells a brief but descriptive history of the church.

### Lost memories

The closing chapter of the church building came in the spring of 1996. Here are some memories taken from an article in The Crittenden Press dated Feb. 15, 1996, by Ruby Barfield, Glen Patmor and Roy Beshears.

When Ruby Barfield visited her husband's grave, she couldn't bear to look at the church house where she had attended for more than 40 years. Her home church, built in 1884, had been stripped of paint and varnish from the inside out. The sign, which used to hang above the front door,



had been permanently removed. The structure was set for demolition sometime that spring.

Meetings had taken place in the building since its closing in 1967, but not formal services, so the church's cemetery committee voted to have the building torn down. Glen Patmor, a member of the cemetery committee, said the church just wasn't safe anymore. It was beginning to deteriorate, and it was being vandalized.

"We all hated to see it rot, and we have been fortunate it hadn't burned down," he said.

Barfield, a lifelong member of the church, wasn't

happy to learn the fate of her beloved place of worship. "It hurts," she said, "I wish it didn't have to come down. You just don't know how many of the people that went here were like family."

Patmor also has a lifetime invested in the small country church that at full capacity seated about 125 people comfortably. His mother, Ruth Hill Patmor, was a direct descendant of the church's charter members. Patmor served as the Sunday school superintendent for a few years in the 1960s before the church was dissolved in 1967.

He had fond memories of

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Shown above is Chapel Hill Church in its last stages. This photo was taken in 1995. Plans were being made for its removal. Many fond memories were made in this community church. Depicted below are both sides of the Kentucky Highway Marker standing today to help preserve the memory of Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and the love the people had for their church and cemetery that holds their loved ones.

the small community church. He remembered the homecoming celebrations where the tables stretched from the back door of the church to the schoolhouse next door.

"When we had revivals, people were lined up, standing outside the door trying to see the preacher," he said.

Roy Beshears, also was sad to see the building come down.

"It was like home to me," he said. He was a member there for more than 20 years, with his wife, Rena Mae. "I hate to see it go, but under the circumstances, I guess it's for the best."

With fond memories still fresh in their minds, they bid the old church farewell.

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Chapel Hill Church has been torn down and gone now for 19 years, and I still miss seeing the familiar little white county church as I drive by the cemetery.

*(Brenda Underdown is Crittenden County's historian and serves on the board of the historical and genealogical societies in the county. She is also active in maintaining Crittenden County Historical Museum.)*



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## A closer look at nature

Recently 32 integrated science students from Crittenden County High School traveled to Land Between the Lakes for a field trip to the Woodlands Nature Center and the Elk & Bison Prairie. While at the Nature Station, students were introduced to some of the native wildlife such as snakes, turtles, several species of owl, a bobcat, groundhog, red wolves, deer, opossum, turkeys, coyotes and an American bald eagle. Students learned about the importance of protecting the environment and in doing so, protecting this area's ecosystem. They also were told of possible job opportunities and internships at LBL. Students then enjoyed a picnic at the Golden Pond Visitor Center and Planetarium before heading to the Elk & Bison Prairie to complete the trip. The visit to the prairie proved entertaining as students were able to view bison up close in the enclosure and the elk from a short distance away.

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**FRIDAY**  
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Softball at Woodford County  
**SATURDAY**  
Softball at Woodford County  
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**Tuesday, April 14**  
CC/Dawson vs. UHA, 5:30pm  
Livingston Cent. vs. Lyon Co., 7pm  
**Thursday, April 16**  
Championship, 6pm

YOUTH SPORTS

Kickball sign ups continue

Any child age 4 or 5 interested in playing kickball at the park this summer may register through April 10. After that date, registration will close. Cost is \$25, which includes supplemental insurance and a team jersey. A registration form is available online at the Dugout Club Facebook page or The Press Online Sports link. Forms can be picked up at The Crittenden Press. Payment must accompany registration form when it is submitted to Dugout Club. For more information call Chris Evans (270) 704-0435.

SOCCER

Varsity, JV organizing

There will be an organizational meeting for the varsity and junior varsity Crittenden County Lady Rockets' soccer team, at 5:30 p.m., Monday at the high school soccer field at Marion-Crittenden County Park. All interested players and parents are encouraged to attend.

OUTDOORS

Hunting seasons

Youth Turkey	Apr. 4-5
Spring Turkey	Apr. 18 - May 10
LBL Turkey	Apr. 20 - May 3
Groundhog	Year Round
Coyote Daytime	Year Round
Coyote Lights Night	Feb 1 - May 31

BASKETBALL

MSU resigns coach

Murray State has extended the contract of basketball coach Steve Prohm. Prohm was named OVC Coach of the Year this season for the second time in his four seasons at MSU. He guided MSU to the first undefeated Ohio Valley Conference season (16-0) in school history and the fifth in 67 seasons in the league. Prohm's contract now runs through the 2018-19 season with an automatic one-year extension carrying it out to 2020. The guaranteed contract increases Prohm's base salary to \$490,000. With his radio and television obligations, the total package will be \$500,000 annually, plus incentives.

Rockets get first win in Fifth District



Crittenden County's Ryan James leads off second base after doubling in the third. He drove in 3 runs during Tuesday's game against Lyon County.

BASEBALL

**STAFF REPORT**  
Crittenden County (3-4, 1-3) avenged a 10-0 loss Monday at Eddyville by beating Lyon County 12-7 Tuesday in Marion. The Rockets exploded for 7 runs in the sixth inning of the home game to pick up their first Fifth District win of the season. Junior hurler Nick Castiller started the game Tuesday and Shelby Robinson closed it out on the mound, going the last 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> innings. Lyon had just 3 hits. Ethan Hunt had 2 hits for the second night in a row for CCHS and Adam Driver, Ryan James and Will Tolley each had 2 hits. James and Castiller doubled and James had 3 RBIs. Dylan Hollis, Driver, Castiller and Tolley had 2 RBIs apiece. The game was close until the huge sixth inning. For the last eight seasons, Crittenden County has either won the district championship or been runnerup. Its 0-3 start after Monday's league loss was disappointing. That's why coach Donnie Phillips said the showing at Marion Tuesday was a "big win" for his Rockets. At Lyon County Monday, Crittenden managed just 3 hits and lost 10-0. Hunt had two-thirds of the hits. After struggling at the plate the last couple of weeks, Hunt went 2-for-3 at Eddyville and Dylan Hollis had a double. The Lyons managed nine hits off Rocket pitching and Crittenden had just one fielding error. **Loss at Trigg County** The Rockets suffered their second district loss last Wednesday at Trigg County in an 8-2 decision. Rocket junior Nick Castiller pitched a complete game, giving up 8 runs on 8 hits at Cadiz. Four of Trigg's hits were for extra bases. Crittenden had 2 runs on 4 hits. Dylan Hollis, Castiller, Shelby Robinson and Alex Cosby each hit safely. Trigg scored 2 runs in the bottom of the first and Crittenden answered with 1 in the top of second. The Wildcats blew the game open with 4 more runs in fourth. Crittenden had little trouble getting runners on base, but couldn't capitalize. Five Rockets reached first after being hit by pitches. Crittenden played well defensively and tried to rally at the plate with three hits in the top of the seventh inning, but came up with just 1 run.

SOFTBALL

**STAFF REPORT**  
Lyon County rallied with five runs against Crittenden County in the bottom of the sixth inning to break open a very closely-contested Fifth District softball matchup Monday at Eddyville. The Lady Lyons posted 2 runs in the third but Crittenden closed the gap with 1 in the fifth when Brandy Book singled in Jenna Potter. It stayed close until Lyon used a 4-hit fifth inning to pull away and win 7-1. Chaylee Wolf and Potter each singled in the game and Kaitlyn Hicks had a double for the Lady Rockets. Lyon hurler Sophie Bingham fanned 10 and Cassidy Moss struck out 5 for CCHS. Lyon is 6-5 this season and 1-0 in district play. Crittenden is 2-6 overall and 0-2 in the district. The Lady Rockets played at Henderson County Tuesday night and had trouble getting started in a 16-0 loss.



Lady Rocket sophomore Kiana Nesbitt squares to bunt during a recent game.

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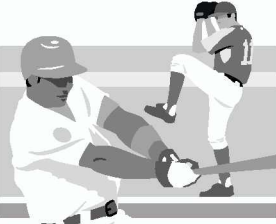
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TRACK AND FIELD

Watson's jump paces Rockets

Crittenden County's track and field teams found stiff competition on March 24 at the Murray All Corners meet. The Rockets and Lady Rockets each finished 10th out of 11 teams in their respective divisions. Colby Watson's third place in the high jump was the best individual performance. Margaret Sitar also did quite well in some distance runs. **Boys' Team Results:** Marshall County 111, McCracken County 70, Murray 66, Graves County 60, Fulton County 50, Ballard Memorial 40, Mayfield 39, Calloway County 29, Dawson Springs 15, Crittenden County 12, Livingston Central 9. **Girls' Team Results:** Murray 134, Marshall County 101.5, Calloway County 61, Graves County 47, Fulton County 38, McCracken County 31, Mayfield 24.5, Ballard Memorial 16, Dawson Springs 13, Crittenden County 11, Livingston Central 10. Here are results from Crittenden County athletes at the meet in Murray:

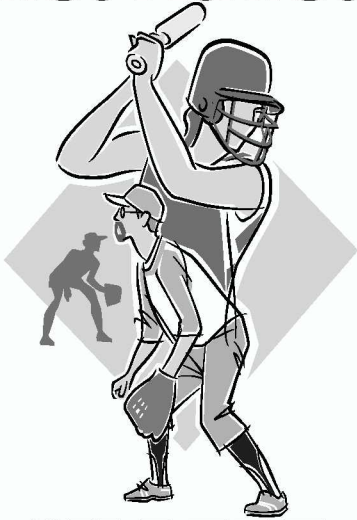
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12 Greenwell, Nicolas	55.07
<b>Girls 800 Meter Run</b> 6 Sitar, Margaret	2:53.03
21 Gobin, Anzie	3:35.82
<b>Boys 800 Meter Run</b> 20 Brooks, Landon	2:34.49
35 Ford, Devin	2:52.59
36 Weathers, Zack	2:54.81
<b>Girls 200 Yard Dash</b> 30 Wallace, Shelby	32.38
41 Shuecraft, Nikki	34.12
48 Curnel, Courtney	37.19
<b>Boys 200 Yard Dash</b> 10 Dickerson, Noah	25.42
31 Nesbitt, Devon	27.31
36 Lamey, Branan	27.63
<b>Boys 3200 Yard Run</b> 14 Greenwell, Jacob	13:15.34
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12 Crittenden County-B	4:56.04
<b>Boys High Jump</b> 3 Watson, Colby	5-08.00
11 Mcconnell, Gary	5-02.00
14 Yates, Alex	5-00.00
<b>Girls Long Jump</b> 25 Shuecraft, Nikki	9-10.00
26 Hayes, Trinity	9-07.00
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23 Hunt, Mason	14-05.00
<b>Boys Triple Jump</b> 9 Yates, Alex	31-06.00
14 Greenwell, Jacob	28-00.00
<b>Girls Discus Throw</b> 18 Graham, Kaylee	50-04
21 Tabor, Alexis	47-08
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11 Todd, Kenny	85-08
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Melissa Guill, Clerk  
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# VFW recognizes Vietnam Veterans Day

**STAFF REPORT**  
In recognition of Vietnam Veterans Day in Kentucky, the ladies auxiliary of Marion Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12022 hosted a dinner Monday for post members of every war. Most in attendance were, indeed, veterans of the Vietnam War (1965-75), but there was also a veteran each from World War II (1941-45), the Korean War (1950-53) and the Persian Gulf War (1991-92).  
Monday was proclaimed Vietnam Veterans Day in Kentucky by Gov. Steve Beshear to recognize the start of America's ground war in Vietnam in March 1965. That's why the ladies auxiliary wanted to honor their men, according to Nancy Lanham, wife of Post Commander Joe Lanham.  
"During the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War

Commemoration, it is important that we encourage Kentuckians to reach out to the Vietnam veterans in our communities to recognize, honor and thank them," said Heather French Henry, commissioner of the Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA).  
While the U.S. Department of Defense commemorates the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War in 2015, the roots of American involvement in the war go back more than a decade earlier.  
A total 1,109 Kentuckians died in Vietnam, including six from Crittenden County, and their names are inscribed at the Kentucky Vietnam Vet-



erans Memorial in Frankfort, where the shadow of a giant gnomon falls on each veteran's name on the anniversary of death. Kentucky's memorial was the first in the nation to use a sundial design, and it still draws visitors from across the country to marvel at its simplicity and meaning.  
There are 118,000 Vietnam veterans still living in the Commonwealth, and many continue to serve their communities and fellow veterans through volunteerism, counseling and camaraderie. Kentucky's Vietnam veterans and their families gave much, asked for little and deserve our utmost re-

spect, KDVA Commissioner Henry said.  
Local veterans honored at Monday's dinner at the VFW post and pictured above are (from left) Donald Edward Hunt, post trustee, Korea; Joe Hunt, Kentucky District 2 commander, Vietnam; Tim Crider, Persian Gulf; Donnie Orr, post judge advocate, Vietnam; Douglas Hunt, post sergeant-at-arms, Vietnam; Gordon Skoog, post adjutant and junior vice commander, Vietnam; Ronnie Riley, Vietnam; Harold Marshall, Vietnam; Jessie Tyner, post chaplain; James Conger, Vietnam; Ernie Conger, Vietnam; (seated) Kenny Conger, Vietnam; Bob Dickerson, Vietnam; Joe Lanham, Vietnam; and William Clarke, post quartermaster, World War II.  
VFW Post 12022 currently has 69 members.

## Fed eyes jobless rate for signs of inflation

**FROM STAFF AND AP REPORTS**  
February 2015 unemployment rates were down in all but one Kentucky county when compared to February 2014, while Russell County stayed the same, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training (OET).  
In Crittenden County, over that same period, the jobless rate fell from 8.8 percent last year to 5.6 percent in February of this year. The February rate was also down half a percentage point from the previous month.  
Livingston County also saw a significant drop in the unemployment rate in February 2015, down to 8.5 percent from 10.6 percent in February 2014 and 8.9 percent in January 2015.  
Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the Commonwealth at 3.5 percent. Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate - 14.3

percent.  
Unemployment is closely tied to inflation.  
Nationwide, the February U.S. unemployment rate of 5.5 percent is right where the Fed had been saying inflation would likely start to accelerate. Yet inflation remains even lower than the Fed wants it to be.  
So last month, the Fed simply moved the goalposts.  
It now says unemployment could fall as low as 5 percent to 5.2 percent before inflation pressures would probably start to build. That's down from its previous range of 5.2 percent to 5.5 percent.  
That shift is a big reason many analysts think the Fed has in effect postponed the date when it will start raising the short-term interest rate it controls. Many now expect it to start raising rates in September or even later after having previously predicted June.

**Local jobless rate falls in February**  
Below are the jobless rates for select counties listed from the state's lowest in February 2015 to the highest, with rates for Crittenden and surrounding counties listed between.

AREA	FEB. 2015	JAN. 2015	FEB. 2014
Kentucky	5.5	6.1	8.4
Pennyrile	6.2	6.7	9.6
COUNTIES			
Woodford (1)	3.5	3.9	7.1
Webster	5.3	5.1	7.7
Crittenden	5.6	6.1	8.8
Caldwell	5.8	6.4	8.0
Union	6.5	5.7	7.7
Lyon	6.9	7.7	9.7
Livingston	8.5	8.9	10.6
Magoffin (120)	14.3	15.1	19.2

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## Ky. aluminum industry hailed

**STAFF REPORT**  
Century Aluminum's almost 1,300 workers in Kentucky, including many from Crittenden County who work at the company's smelter in Sebree, are now part of a "signature industry" in the state.  
Last week, state lawmakers distinguished the industry as such with passage of Senate Concurrent Resolution 97, which was co-sponsored by Crittenden County's representation in Frankfort, Sen. Dorsey Ridley (D-Henderson). The resolution has no binding power, but establishes the im-

portance of the industry.  
Chicago-based Century Aluminum employs nearly 1,300 workers from 20 counties in Kentucky, including more than 600 at Sebree. The company's Kentucky operations has an annual payroll of \$118 million and contributes \$130 million in regional purchasing power.  
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